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THE WEATHER

Light variable winds this afternoon, becoming moderate
Northerly tonight. Fine. Temperature at 1 pm 60 degrees
Fahrenheit, relative humidity 44 per cent.**CHINA**

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**Comment
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day****An inspiration**

THE recent successes in the Government campaign against narcotic drugs should be an inspiration to those who are now making preparations for a determined attack on corruption in the Colony. The two evils of course pose essentially different problems and call for a different approach but the narcotics campaign and the thoroughness which went into it, seems to offer hope that tackled with similar planning and resolution, the anti-corruption drive may achieve worthwhile results.

A year has almost passed since Government and the Unofficials agreed that the time had come to take more drastic measures. Some of these have already been promulgated and a number of committees have been formed, but the feeling persists that those engaged in this work are meeting with many frustrations and there are few results to show for much sincere effort and genuine concern.

Mr. H. D. Maitland's recent appeal for constructive suggestions puts the obligation more firmly on the community to help. This may well yield useful results, particularly in so far as regulating procedures in Government departments and methods of dealing with Government servants. But something more than this will be required to discourage venality.

THE best kind of deterrent is court action, but apart from a number of minor offences there have been too few major cases to convey any kind of a useful lesson. We feel that until experts from overseas are able to advise on measures and procedures and to report on our anti-corruption work generally, we can expect to make little progress.

Again Hongkong needs to make a study of ordinances, regulations and methods adopted elsewhere, not only in Britain but in places like Singapore where legislation was introduced last year. Pakistan, Turkey, India, West Germany (which announced measures earlier this week) and the United States. Corruption tribunals in Pakistan and Turkey in recent years have produced some spectacular results and although Hongkong may not sanction their methods, we may be able to learn something from their experience.

THE is a further point. Earlier this week a Hongkong court imposed the heaviest sentence in the Colony's history on a man convicted of storing, manufacturing and possessing heroin—12 years. We make no comment on this particular case except to emphasise the deterrent value of such a sentence and the influence it must have on those engaged in similar rackets.

Two or three year sentences for serious cases of corruption are absurdly inadequate and bear no relation to the gravity of the offence. Only when people learn that they risk losing their liberty for a considerable period as well as suffering severe financial penalties will the seriousness of the crime be clearly understood.

We feel strongly that in a Colony which has been dealing with corruption in a somewhat dilatory and half-hearted way for so many years, the best place to begin our investigations into ways of combating it is outside the Colony, in countries which do regard it as a major problem calling for drastic remedies.

Well-known jockey in Shanghai and Hongkong DEATH OF 'BUFFY' MAITLAND

Former Light Horse officer

A prominent Hongkong resident, Mr H. "Buffy" Maitland, died at 2 am today in St Paul's Hospital, after a long illness. He was 53.

He is survived by his wife, and a son Andrew, who are both in England, and his daughter Mrs W. H. Cernock and three grandchildren in Hongkong. Up to the time of his death, Mr Maitland was an official of the Royal Hongkong Jockey Club.

During the 20's and 30's he was a well-known jockey in both Shanghai and Hongkong. Mr Maitland was born in Trinidad and was educated at Radley College in England. After he left school he went to Shanghai where he joined Jardine, Matheson Co. Ltd.

Branched out

He later branched out as an exchange broker, with his own firm. He is best remembered to former Shanghai residents in Hongkong, as commander of the Shanghai Light Horse, a mounted unit of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

During the war he was interned in Shanghai.

Belgian Premier faints

Brussels, Jan. 12. Premier Gaston Eyskens exhausted by his three-week battle against Socialist-led nationwide strikes, fainted in Parliament tonight. Doctors said he was suffering from overstrain.

The 55-year-old Catholic coalition Premier was carried into a nearby room and two doctors were summoned to his side.

They said he was suffering from severe exhaustion and needed a rest. While he was resting on a couch, the doctors consulted on whether to let him attend the next phase of the parliamentary battle over his bitterly opposed austerity bill.

The doctors treating him said later:

"Mr Eyskens is not suffering from any serious sickness. He is simply terribly tired." He was taken home to rest.

Bolster economy

The austerity measure was drawn up to bolster Belgium's economy which was badly shaken by loss of the Congo. But its terms were bitterly resented by the Socialist opposition, which provoked more than three weeks of strikes and violence in an attempt to defeat it.

The Lower Chamber immediately postponed the vote on the bill until tomorrow afternoon. Both Government coalition and Socialist opposition spokesmen expressed hopes Mr Eyskens would be fit enough to attend.

A Liberal Cabinet minister today declared the Government "is willing to forget" all that has happened in the 25-day-old strike still flaring in sporadic violence in the industrial south. In the rest of the country, life was today returning to normal.—UPI & Reuters.

No prospect of better relations between China and America

Washington, Jan. 12.

Mr Dean Rusk, President-elect Kennedy's choice as Secretary of State, said today he saw no possibility at the present time of establishing normal relations with Communist China.

This was because Peking seemed to be making as a condition "abandonment of the people and government of Formosa," he told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Recalling that Mr Kennedy had said he wanted to make a serious effort to progress at the Geneva nuclear test conference, Mr Rusk said: "We expect to get into that very promptly."

Public hearing

Mr Rusk was addressing a public hearing opened by the Senate committee today preparatory to his formal nomination as Secretary of State.

Mr Rusk, who answered questions briskly and confidently, said he thought the dynamism of world Communism was larger today than it had been at any point in the past. He said he foresaw no early end to the cold war.

"This is a long time struggle," he said. "The stakes are very high and the country will have to do what has to be done in the effort to maintain freedom for ourselves and for others."

"It would like very much to be optimistic that this is some day coming to an end and our burdens will be less, but it would be quite wrong of me to suppose that this is the case."

Disarmament

Mr Rusk said the entire China problem would have to be studied, including its effect upon disarmament.

Asked by Senator George Aiken, (Republican) about the possibility of providing U.S. surplus food for the people of China, Mr Rusk replied that if Senator Aiken wished to pursue the issue further he would be happy for him to do so after he finally took office.

Mr Rusk also made these points in answer to questions:

● **SUMMIT:** "It would be very important for any president to consider a carefully-timed and well-planned programme and series of state visits... but these would be made by the President in the light of circumstances at the time."

He had previously expressed concern about the apparent habit of negotiations at the highest level because it diverted senior officials from their normal functions.

● **CUBA:** He felt everybody was very distressed about the situation. "Some of our vital interests and our hemispheric interests are very much at stake."

Utmost importance

● **NATO:** Mr Rusk felt the strengthening of the alliance was of the utmost importance and it might also be advisable to work for "more fruitful relations between that community and the world."

● **FOREIGN AID:** "It is important for the members of the North Atlantic community to take seriously the problems of assisting the so-called underdeveloped countries."

● **AUTHORITY:** Mr Rusk said the new delegate at the United Nations, Mr Adlai Stevenson, will take "his instructions through the Secretary of State."

(There had been speculation in Washington on the degree of independence of Mr Stevenson, who will attend Cabinet meetings.)

● **PRESTIGE:** Relatively, Mr Rusk said, U.S. prestige was not as high as it was 10 years ago. Other countries had been looking to the U.S. for leadership and this leadership should be asserted more vigorously.

● **NEUTRALISM:** Mr Rusk said: "I don't believe that we ourselves should be unduly concerned about what might be called genuine neutralism."



Dean Rusk

ourselves should be unduly concerned about what might be called genuine neutralism."

"The foreign policy orientation of non-Communist nations was less important than that they should be vigorous and strong."

"But it neutrally meant that countries would expose themselves to penetration and subversion, then that was another matter."

"But I don't believe we should try to insist that everyone who is not with us is against us," Mr Rusk concluded.—Reuters.

3 parachute to safety —one dies

San Francisco, Jan. 12. A veteran Air Force navigator was killed but three other airmen parachuted to safety today when a B-47 bomber crashed five miles from the Palomar observatory.

The flaming wreckage started a 10-acre brush fire which was quickly contained.

Killed was Lieut Col Erwin L. Williams, 40, an instructor-navigator flying as an extra man aboard the plane, which was attached to the 22nd Bomb Wing at March Air Force base. The Air Force termed Williams one of its top navigators.

The six-let plane hit a hilltop and exploded 23 minutes after taking off from March. The crew was able to bail out when the craft first appeared in trouble, observers said.—UPI.

UN force not twiddling thumbs

Ellisabethville, Jan. 12. Katanga's embryo all force today continued to harry rebel Bakula bands in the north of the country, as the UN warned that any clash with the 600 pro-Lumumba troops at Monono could lead to civil war.

Repeating the view that the situation was "grave," the UN spokesman here said: "We are far from twiddling our thumbs. We think it necessary to prevent any armed clash between the Armed Nationalist Congolese and Katanga forces which would in our view lead to civil war."—Reuters.

China famine sends up freight rates

China is negotiating for ships to carry food to its famine-stricken people.

This has sent shipping freight rates up in the Far East.

In the last week or two, China has been busy taking ships on time or voyage charter for the transport of the grain.

A Hongkong shipping official told the China Mail this morning that negotiations have been going on in London for chartering ships.

The shipments of grain—including 300,000 tons of Australian grain—to relieve the shortage in China would keep about 30 freighters busy for three to four months, he said.

NEW RATE

He said that two years ago China chartered ships through Hongkong to carry wheat from Canada.

The new rate for carrying grain from Western states in Australia to a port in China is now 80 shillings per ton.

How much the Chinese demand for shipping will influence the freight market still remains to be seen, as the negotiations have not been completed yet, he added.

In London, The Times reported that shipping in the Western trades showed no signs of anxiety, but a sudden demand for American grain for Europe, which is a distinct possibility, could change the picture overnight.

● **SPECULATION**

The Times said that there is speculation on whether the new U.S. President would make a gesture to the Chinese by offering them some of America's surplus grain.

Commenting on the increasing freight rates caused by Chinese demand, The Times added that the old maxim that shipping thrived on war and famine was still true.

MICE FRIGHTEN WOMEN OUT

Brussels, Jan. 12. A strike let loose a flock of white mice in a department store at Verriers today. Police reported women shoppers rushed out. They arrested a young man for questioning and reported a similar incident took place yesterday in a department store in Liege.—AP.

Wedding presents collected by garbage men

Norwich, Jan. 12. Mrs Margaret Tooke, a recent bride, started packing to join her sailor husband at his Royal Navy station in Singapore.

She wanted a good strong collector for her wedding presents, which included a clock, a tea set, a collection of glasses and other fragile items.

DISASTER ON THE HIGH SEAS

New York, Jan. 12.

The Greek tanker Kassavos (23,232 tons) radioed today from a position off Antigua in the Leeward Islands that most of her crew had abandoned ship and was standing by in lifeboats following an explosion aboard.

The United States Coast Guard here reported that the message said a skeleton crew was remaining aboard.

Later the Israeli motor ship Dagan picked up 20 members of the crew who were in two life-boats.—Reuters.

German ship

Goteborg, Jan. 13. Nine persons, including one woman, were feared lost on Thursday night in the stormy seas off Norway's southeast coast.

The German vessel Muensterland, of 427 deadweight tons, earlier sent out distress calls reaching it was sinking. Around midnight the SOS calls from the German ship were broken off.

Goteborg coastal radio said today that one rescue vessel from Horten, Norway, was racing to the ship's last position about 55 miles south of Stavanger in Norway.—AP.

Tug lost

Stockholm, Jan. 11. A small Swedish tug with a six man crew went down with all hands in a storm in the Baltic Sea, the Swedish sea rescue service announced. The tug had an empty barge under tow.—AP.

Don't look like tramps —Eccles

Vienna, Jan. 12. Sir David Eccles, the Minister of Education after leaving the best-dressed man in the Government—tonight urged British tourists: "For God's sake, don't go abroad looking like tramps."

They must remember they come from a country which makes clothes, he told a meeting of British businessmen at the Embassy in Vienna.

Sir David said this after the Vienna representative of Austin Motors Mr C. W. Alwen remarked that tourists were sometimes bad propaganda for British goods.

Something might be done on television to bring this home to tourists, Sir David commented.—China Mail Special.

Ike going to Japan

Washington, Jan. 12. President Eisenhower was quoted today as saying he hoped to visit Japan later this year.

General Lyman Lemnitzer, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters of the President's tentative plans after he had accompanied a visiting Japanese statesman on a call on Mr Eisenhower at the White House.—Reuters.

MARGARET'S VISIT TO EIRE

Royal Press advisers must share blame for chaotic coverage

London, Jan. 12.

Royal Press advisers must share the blame for the "chaotic coverage" of Princess Margaret's visit to the Irish Republic, a columnist in the trade weekly, World's Press News asserted today.

The columnist, Backbencher II, said 60 reporters from British newspapers covered the Princess' visit to her husband's relatives in the Republic.

The result had been a "pretty disgusting exhibition of the Press in action" and the Queen Mother had appealed to the Newspaper Proprietors Association to decrease their coverage.

NOT ONLY ONES

But the newspapers were not the only ones to blame, the columnist said.

"Clarence House (the Queen Mother's London home) has a Press Secretary who acts for Princess Margaret."

"What did he do to smooth his employer's visit? Very little indeed."

"He did not hold one conference with reporters. As far as I can gather he was not even there."

"It could be argued that the visit of the Princess and her husband to Ireland was a private one, and nothing to do with the Press, Backbencher II continued."

"I say this is a naive and ostrich-like attitude."

"Because of her position, the Princess cannot be expected to lead a 'normal private life'."

"... people are interested in Royalty. Newspapers, therefore, print stories about Royalty... And as a result Royalty is popularised to a hitherto unbelievable degree."

WILL BE THERE

"It is no good being surprised when reporters appear at the sort of junket which went on in Ireland. They will be there all right. So they should be regularly briefed and not treated like wild dogs."

Newspapers should send sensible correspondents on Royal stories and "the Palace should produce men who understand newspapers," the columnist said.

The Clarence House Press officer was a Regular Army officer who had sat in at the Palace Press Office for two months to prepare for his present post.

NO DOUBT

"I do not doubt that he wants to do his job correctly. But he can hardly claim to be a veteran in public relations."

"Quite evidently this bitter deadlock between Palace and the newspapers cannot continue."

"Some realistic machinery must be thought up to facilitate the job for both."

"Royalty has everything to gain and nothing to lose," China Mail Special.

SNOW IN JAPAN

Tokyo, Jan. 12. A raging snow storm disrupted traffic in northern Japan and Hokkaido today. A freezing cold wave spread over all of Japan, with the temperature dropping to 30 in Tokyo.—AP.

Guinness to soak up Japan



Sir Alec Guinness

London, Jan. 12. Sir Alec Guinness is going to Japan to teach himself how to look, talk and think like a Japanese.

A supreme perfectionist in his work, Sir Alec convinced himself that he must make a trip to Japan before undertaking his next film role.

This will be the part of a Japanese gentleman in a Hollywood film, "A Majority of One."

"The picture will be made in Hollywood," he said in an interview, "but I feel I must soak up quite a bit of Japan before I do the part."

Sir Alec is presently starring on the London stage as Lawrence of Arabia in "Rosa." On January 28, he will step out of the part and turn it over to Michael Bryant.

EXTREMELY SHY

Then, as soon as he can make all the arrangements, he will be off to Tokyo.

A serious and extremely shy and modest man, Sir Alec approaches every role like a general preparing for a major battle.

In his latest movie part, he has the role of a Scot in "Tunes of Glory."

"I wanted to spend a couple of weeks in Glasgow working on the accent," he explained, "but I just couldn't fit it in. So I borrowed recordings from the BBC which contained some Scots accents."

"I played the recordings over and over until I felt I understood the accent."

He said that learning to speak English like a Japanese would, perhaps, be more difficult than learning to talk like a Scot.

"I don't know how long I'll be in Japan," he said, "but it should be for some time. I must listen and listen and observe."

From Japan, he'll move on to Hollywood.—AP.

Sir Leslie Gamage

London, Jan. 12. Sir Leslie Gamage, former Chairman of the General Electric Company left here today by air accompanied by Lady Gamage, on a tour of DEC companies in Australia and the Far East, including Hongkong.—Reuters.

50 ALLEGED REDS ARRESTED IN SPANISH SWOOP

Madrid, Jan. 12.
Police in Malaga have arrested 50 alleged Communists in raids during the past 24 hours.

These arrested, police say, included people believed to be heads of Communist "cells" and propaganda experts working under orders "from outside Spain."

They had launched an anti-government campaign, heralded by the appearance on walls in Malaga of posters saying "France is" and "there must be a change."

The police swoop was designed to destroy the movement before it encouraged similar campaigns in other southern towns.—Reuter.

Free political activity in Turkey

Ankara, Jan. 12.
Turkey's Interior Ministry tonight gave permission for a resumption of full and free political activity, suspended since the anti-Menderes revolution of last May.

Effective on January 13, political parties will be allowed to form and begin campaigning for elections which have been promised by October 29.

The brief communiqué issued by the Interior Ministry said:

"Political party activities will be allowed as of January 12, 1961. Any new parties will have to obtain legal licenses within one month."—AP.

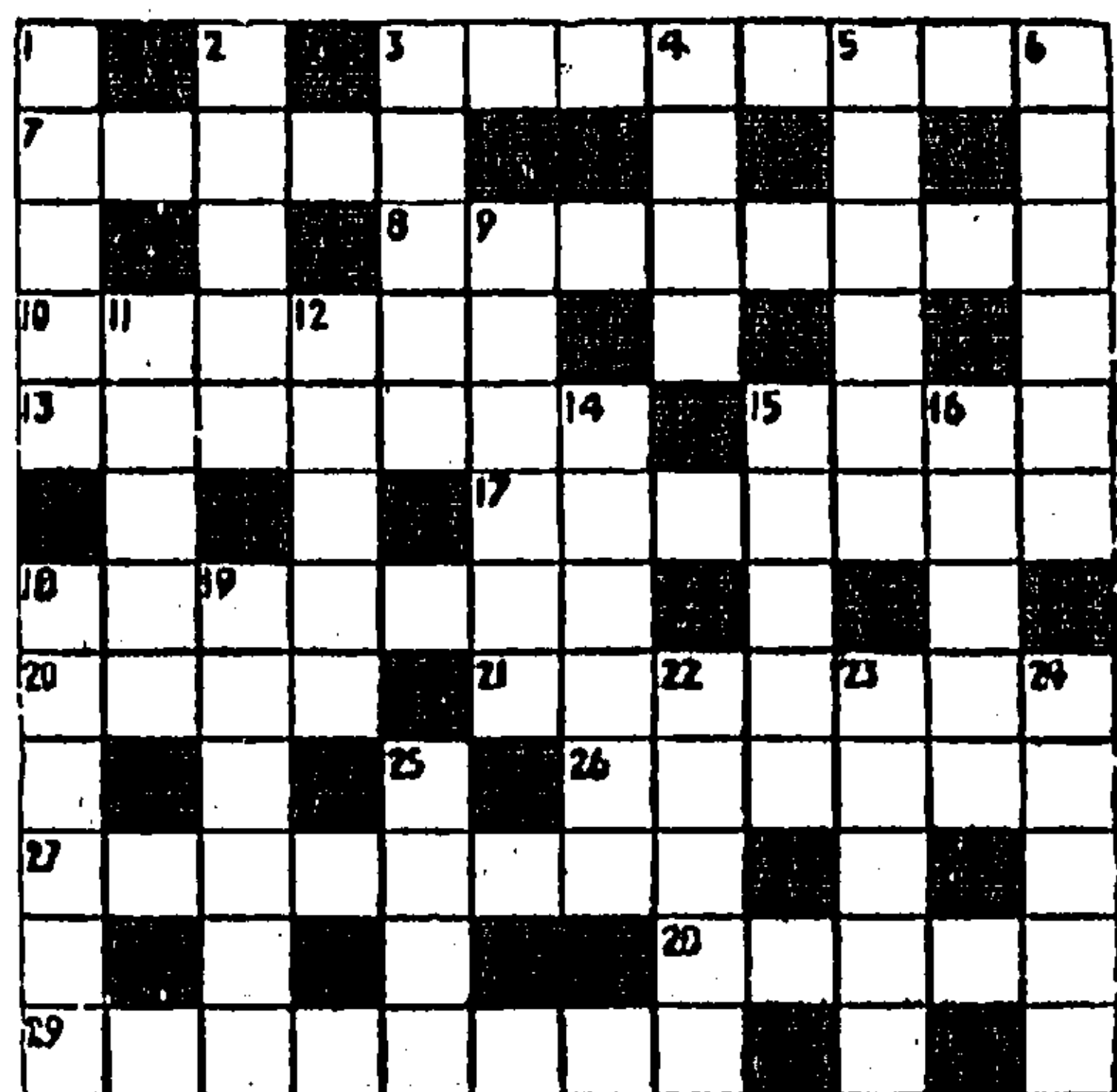
Italy launches first space rocket

Rome, Jan. 12.
Italy's first space rocket was launched today from a range in northwest Italy, a Defence Ministry spokesman in Rome said tonight.

The spokesman said details would be released later.

An unofficial source said the two-stage rocket reached a height of more than 100 miles. It released a cloud of sodium vapour visible at great distances.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Support for weepers (8).
- 7 Young flier (5).
- 8 Really in the money (8).
- 10 To average out (4).
- 13 Culinary dishes (7).
- 16 Glance to leg? (4).
- 17 Like liquorice all-sorts? (7).
- 18 Should company be, to two? (7).
- 20 In the harbour bar mostly (4).
- 21 Watery effects (7).
- 22 Mother's disposition? (8).
- 27 Encouraging omen (4,4).
- 28 Mutual association (5).
- 29 Torch batteries, maybe (8).

DOWN

- 1 Space aircraft? (5).
- 2 Powdered grain (5).
- 3 Name the country? (5).
- 4 Not fair (4).
- 5 Lower down (6).
- 6 Stand down and go up (6).
- 9 American bumper (5).
- 11 Be afraid of a bird? (5).
- 12 High home (5).
- 14 Is it off the beaten track? (6).
- 15 Vaulted (5).
- 16 Surrey place (5).
- 18 Bound and hung back (6).
- 19 Thanks for it! (6).
- 22 Violent pains (5).
- 23 It's sensational (5).
- 24 Out of sorts (5).
- 25 Man I'll hear? (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Camer, 5 Curse, 8 Woman, 9 Gasket, 10 Jives, 11 Snot, 12 Tala, 13 Lever, 16 Recede, 18 Roused, 20 Ewers, 22 Utah, 23 Aspen, 25 Tulu, 26 Notice, 27 Oasis, 28 Adorn, 29 Seren. Down: 1 Cogitate, 2 Miscre, 3 Ewes, 4 Rotates, 5 Capoled, 6 United, 7 Suede, 14 Vestries, 16 Richness, 18 Russian, 17 Coments, 19 Orator, 21 Would, 24 Nose.

Herter regrets colour bar incident

Washington, Jan. 12.
Mr Christian Herter, the Secretary of State, today expressed his "profound regret" about racial discrimination shown towards a Nigerian diplomat in a railway station at Charlottesville, Virginia, last week.

Mr Herter, in a note to Mr Julius M. Udochi, the Nigerian ambassador, said he had asked the Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate the incident.

Mr C. C. Uchuno, second secretary of the Embassy, complained he had been refused permission to eat at the railway station on January 5. He said his food was put in a paper bag and he was told to eat it outside.—Reuter.

HERTER RESIGNS

Washington, Jan. 12.
Christian Herter resigned as United States Secretary of State today, effective January 20, the date when the new administration of President-elect John Kennedy will be shown in.—AP.

Chinese fail to recapture Burma base

Rangoon, Jan. 12.
Chinese Nationalist troops in Burma's Keng Tung state, bordering Laos and Thailand, have failed in a bid to recapture a base the Burmese troops recently took from them, according to press reports received here today.

But the Chinese are reported to be getting reinforcements by air and up the Mekong river. Burmese troops arrived today in Keng Tung to reinforce the garrison in case of further attacks.

The Chinese nationalists, estimated at about 5,000, are the remnants of those who fled over the Burmese border from China in 1949 to escape the Communists. Recently the Burmese launched a campaign to move them from the area.—Reuter.

VERMOUTH HEIRESS MARRIES

Geneva, Jan. 12.
A 19-year-old Vermont heiress of royal blood married a Spanish nobleman today in a sumptuous ceremony attended by Southern Europe's ex-royalty.

Victoria Marina Cizano, nervous at first as photographers' flashbulbs popped, smiled happily as she emerged from the church leaning on the arm of the groom, Don Jose Carlos Alvarez de Toledo.

The cream of high aristocracy of Spain and Italy filled the pseudo-gothic church facing Geneva's central railroad station.—AP.

RN submarine runs aground

Rothsay, Jan. 12.
One of the Royal Navy's newest and most modern submarines, the 1,000-ton Oberon, ran aground with her 11-man crew today.

There were no reports of casualties.

The Oberon, a conventionally-powered ship, touched bottom in Rothsay Bay.

Navy officials said it was not immediately known how fast she was aground.

Royal wedding in Norway



Princess Astrid of Norway married Mr Johan Martin Ferner, an Oslo businessman, yesterday. Most European Royal Houses were represented at the wedding, which took place in the church of Asker. Among the guests were Princess Margaret and Mr Antony Armstrong-Jones. This picture taken earlier shows Princess Astrid and Mr Johan Martin Ferner at the ice-show at "Jordal Amfi", Oslo.—Express Photo.

BACKBENCH WARNING ON TAX INCREASES

By FRASER WIGHTON

London, Jan. 12.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was warned yesterday by one of his own party MPs that some Conservative backbenchers in Parliament would refuse to back his April financial budget if it increased direct taxation.

Mr Lloyd in a speech at Liverpool had foreshadowed large projected increase in Government spending in the financial year beginning next April. He also warned of the dangers of a return to inflation in Britain.

Mr Dudley Williams said it was time the Government was told in clear terms there was nothing inevitable about the support that Conservative backbenchers would give to a government which failed to reduce the burden of taxation.

SUPPORT REFUSED

Mr Williams recalled that last year a number of Conservatives refused to support a budget which involved tax increases.

"Later the Government admitted by implication that the House of Commons had insufficient control of Government expenditure and I believe this is still true," he commented.

Mr Lloyd's Liverpool speech—in which he warned that Britain must continue earning her living by exports otherwise she could say goodbye to dreams of expansion and social progress—has already started Press speculation that the Government plans an austere budget aimed to keep the economy steady.—China Mail Special.

Actor Borgnine seeks divorce

Santa Monica, Jan. 12.

Academy award winning actor Ernest Borgnine sued Mexican actress Katy Jurado for divorce today, charging mental cruelty.

The two were married on New Year's eve, 1958, at her home in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Many fights punctuated the marriage. The most violent came last New Year's eve at a first wedding anniversary party. A few days later, a reconciliation was announced but another fight came on Wednesday.—AP.

TREASURY FUNDS MISSING

Phnom Penh, Jan. 12.

A check on the Treasury accounts at Kompongcham, 60 miles from here, following the death of the French paymaster in a motor accident showed he had misappropriated funds totalling 80 million riels (about £800,000).

A Royal Palace communiqué said that Prince Sihanouk, the head of state, has given detailed orders for the recovery of as much as possible of the missing money.—Reuter.

Bird kills man

London, Jan. 12.

A bird killed 55-year-old Mr Charles Parr, of Arlington-road, Twickenham, as he walked in the park of a gas-governer and carbon monoxide fumes overcame Mr Parr in his bath, a West-Middlesex inquest was told.—London Express Service.

Gandhi plotter refused remission

New Delhi, Jan. 12.

India's Supreme Court today dismissed a habeas corpus petition by Gopal Vinayak Godse, who is serving a life term of 20 years imprisonment for complicity in the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi nearly 13 years ago.

Godse is a brother of Nathuram Vinayak Godse, who shot Gandhi at a prayer meeting here on January 30, 1948 and was later hanged.

Arguing his petition in person, he claimed he had earned certain remissions and had thus completed his full sentence.—Reuter.

No exiled govt

Washington, Jan. 12.

The United States has not agreed to and would not tolerate the existence of a Cuban Government in exile on its territory, a spokesman of the State Department said today.—AP.

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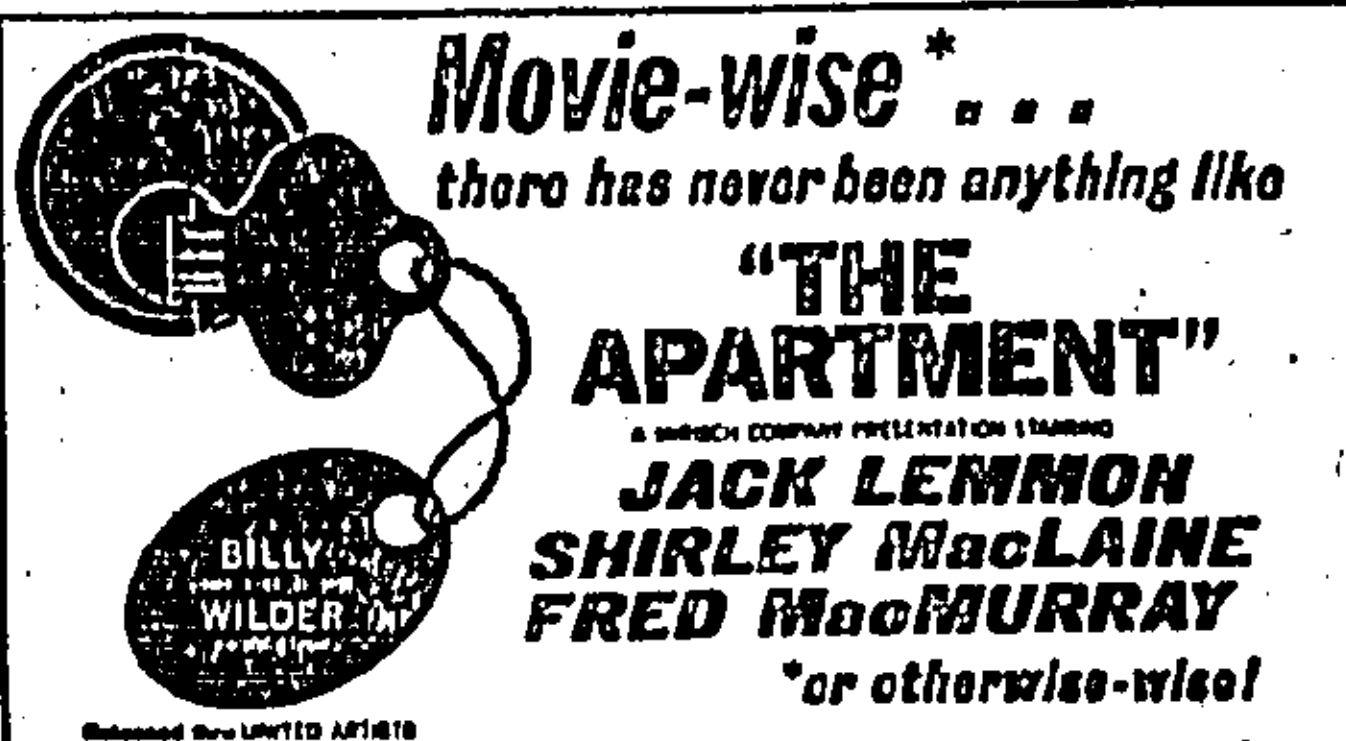
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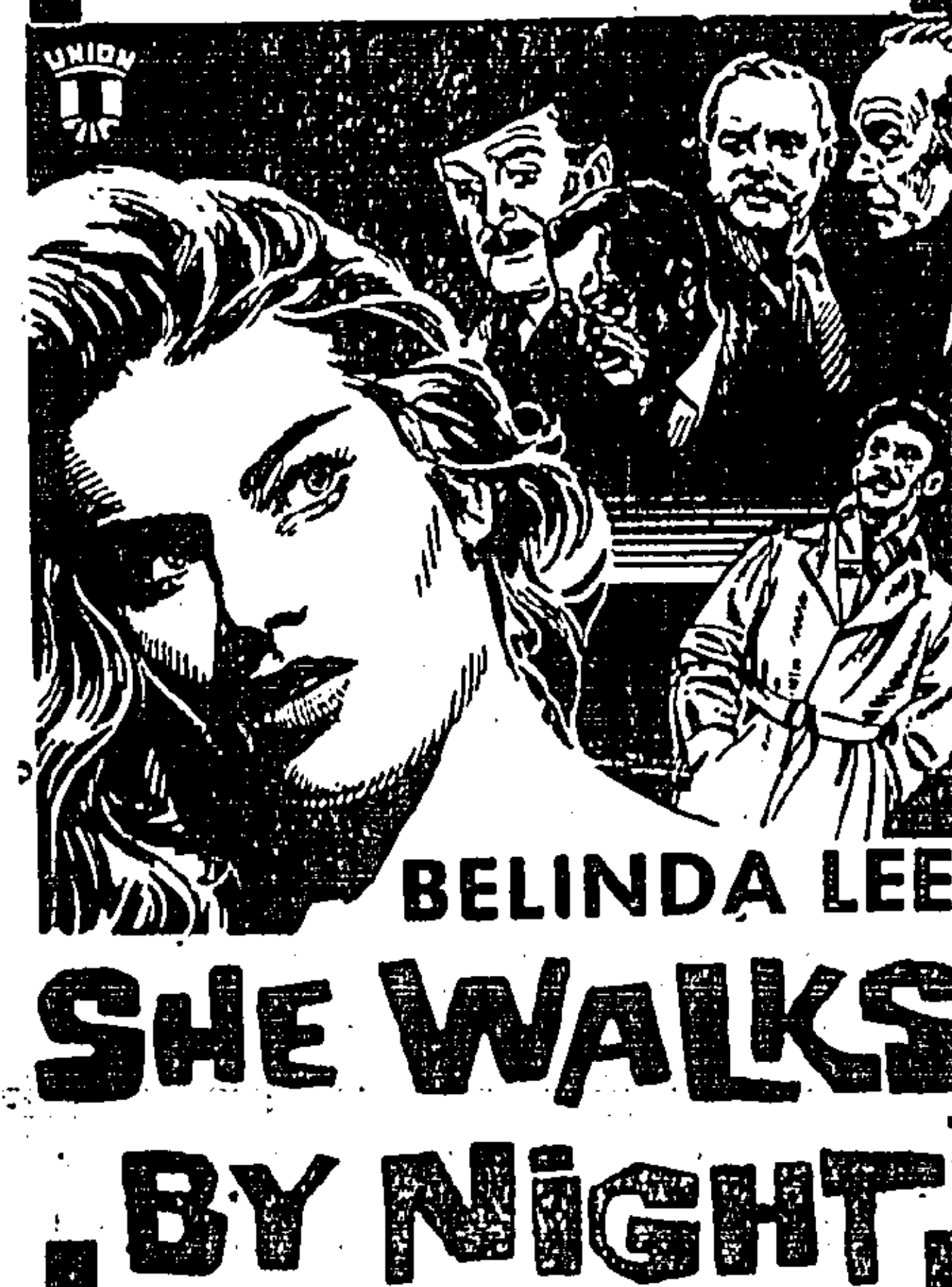
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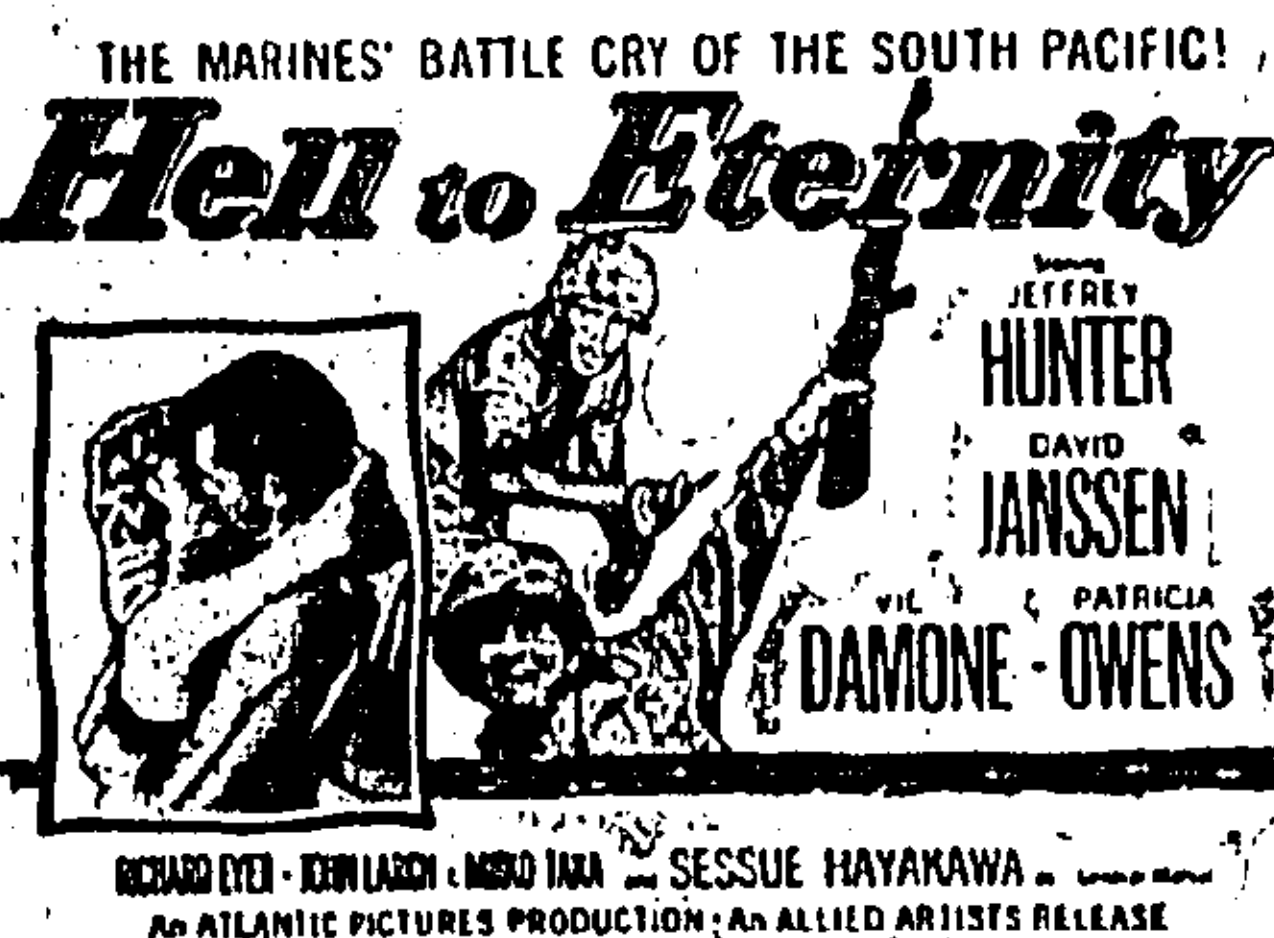
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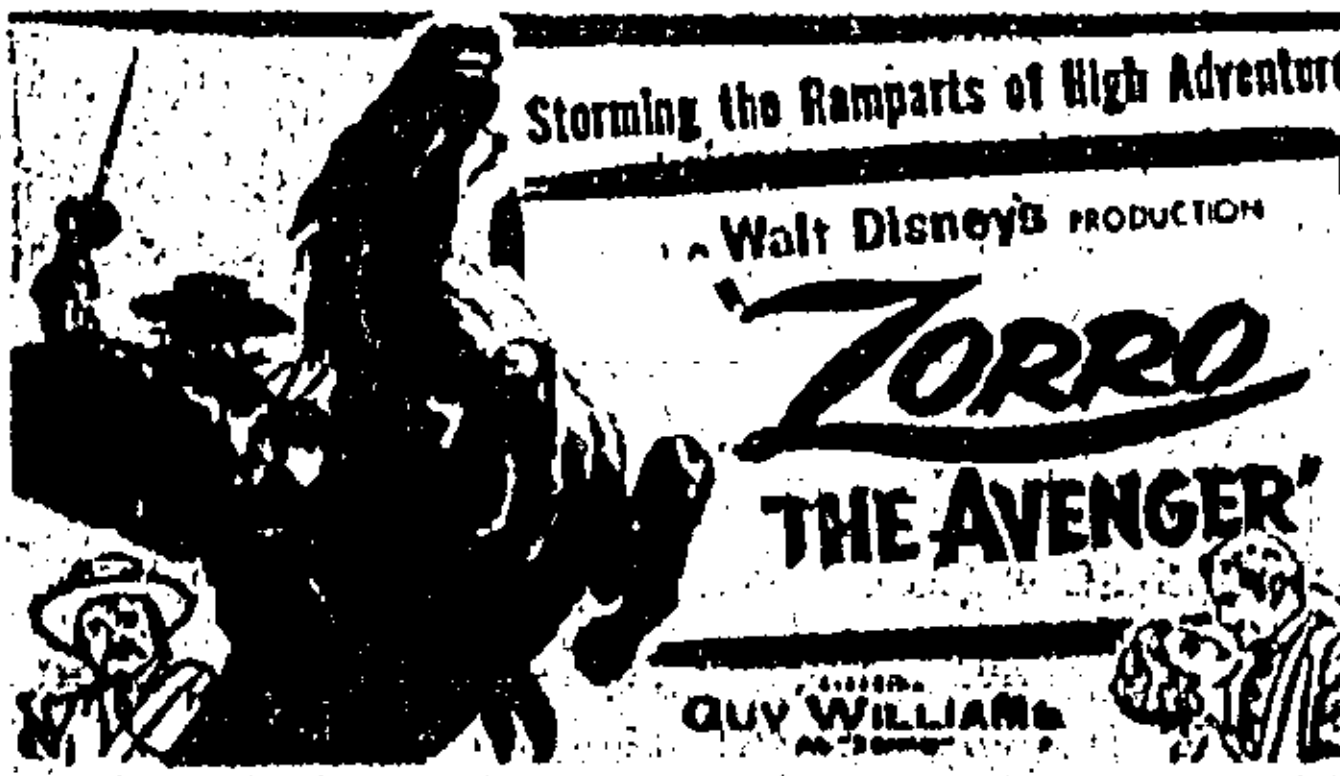
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ROMANCE WITH AMERICAN PRINCESS SORAYA— HAS SHE A NEW HEART-BREAK?

Milan, Jan. 12.

A Milan magazine said today that Princess Soraya now in Kitzbuhel, Austria, is getting over a broken romance with an American.

WINSTON IS 'VERY MUCH BETTER'

London, Jan. 12.
 Sir Winston Churchill, virtually recovered from the fall in which he broke a bone in his back, is now enjoying the winter sunshine in the garden of his country home at Chartwell, Kent, sources close to him reported.

A member of his staff said he was now "very much better".



SIR WINSTON

The injury appeared to have cleared up and he is already getting out to the garden. The garden at Chartwell—where he feeds the birds, and the golden carp and Australian black swans in the lake—is one of the old statesman's abiding delights.

Sir Winston is now in his 87th year.—China Mail Special.

Non-whites disappointed

Johannesburg, Jan. 12.
 Disappointment was voiced by non-white circles in South Africa today over the failure of U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld to meet any representative African leaders during his nearly one-week stay here.

The only exceptions were two chiefs in Transkei territory, both openly supporting the governments apartheid policies.—AFP.

RIALTO

To-day 2.30—5.30—7.30 & 9.30 P.M.



Diamond for Margaret

Amsterdam, Jan. 12.
 A large and rare type of blue diamond a wedding gift from Sierra Leone has been delivered to Princess Margaret, trade circles here said.

Two leading Amsterdam diamond dealers Lodewijk Asscher and his brother Joseph Asscher handed over the diamond at Kensington Palace London, the circles reported.

After cutting and polishing the diamond has 58 facets it was stated.

Dealers here said the diamond was sent to Amsterdam last September by the London jewellery firm of Garrard.

A representative of the firm was said to have been present when the Princess received the diamond.—China Mail Special.

HE WAS BURGLED BACK TO WORK GOES THE FORMER CHIEF

Oxford, Jan. 12.

One of the world's greatest experts on fingerprints, former Chief Superintendent Frederick Cherrill, of Scotland Yard, has come out of eight years' retirement—to investigate a £30 burglary in his own home.

Mr Cherrill, now aged 69, was today searching his hangar at Dorchester village near Oxford with his hand lens and dusting powder, past terror of big-time criminals, for the sneak thief who broke in on Monday night while he and his wife were out.

The haul consisted of two rows of imitation pearls, a portable sewing machine, French binoculars and 100 pieces from Mr Cherrill's collection of old coins.

Royalty

"The police did their job pretty thoroughly but I wanted to make sure nothing was missed," said the man who once took the fingerprints of the late King George VI, the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret.

The royal fingerprints were taken during visits to Scotland Yard.

Important visitors are usually asked to leave their fingerprints as a memento of the occasion.—China Mail Special.

Cashier snatches £70 from thief

London, Jan. 12.
 A bank cashier and a customer chased a thief half a mile through Brixton, London, streets the other day by car—and snatched back £70 the man had taken.

The thief escaped after a struggle, but later a man was arrested.—London Express Service.

Protest march against Polaris

London, Jan. 12.

A British nuclear disarmament group today announced plans for a non-violent attempt to board the United States Polaris-carrying depot ship Proteus, after it arrives next month at the submarine base at Holy Loch, Scotland.

The attempt, during which members of the Direct Action Committee Against Nuclear War will attempt to hold a nuclear disarmament flag on the ship, will be the culmination of a 633-mile London to Holy Loch protest march.

As well as attempting to board Proteus, the demonstrators said they would try to board any other submarines at the base at the time.

Their avowed intent is to "impede them from fulfilling their purpose."—China Mail Special.

LOCAL RADIO STATIONS IN BRITAIN

London, Jan. 12.

Westminster Press Provincial Newspapers Limited who own 67 British provincial newspapers, today supported the view that local newspapers should run local commercial radio stations if they were opened.

A similar view was expressed last week on behalf of more than 300 other provincial newspapers.

In a memorandum to the Pilkington Committee, which is considering the future of television and radio in Britain after 1964, Westminster Press said the local newspaper had already "shown its understanding of local communications."

For this and other reasons "the local newspaper by its very existence proves that it already has the confidence of its community, and it is difficult to see how any other body can say it had passed a similar test."

BBC

Yesterday, owners of another 80 provincial newspapers opposed the principle of local radio stations, saying there did not appear to be any public demand for them in the first place and urged that if they were started the British Broadcasting Corporation should run them for at least five years.

The group's memorandum to the Pilkington Committee also said that local newspapers were likely to suffer, largely from loss of advertising revenue, if local stations were opened.

There are more than 1,200 daily and weekly provincial newspapers in Great Britain.

Of these at least 300 are so far known to be in favour of the local stations being run by local newspapers if they are started, and more than 80 oppose the idea.—China Mail Special.

Denial from admiralty

London, Jan. 12.

The Admiralty today denied a report in the Moscow newspaper "Trud" that a Royal Navy frigate the H M S Urchin had manoeuvred "aggressively" near a Soviet ship.

An Admiralty spokesman said the "Trud" photograph showing the 1,720-ton Urchin manoeuvring near the Soviet trawler depot ship Atlantica must have been taken during a rendezvous between the two vessels in September, 1959, in the Greenland Sea between Norway and Iceland.

He declared "HMS Urchin met the Atlantica by arrangement to recover three Royal Naval albatrosses when the Russian ship picked up from a ditched float aircraft."

There was nothing abnormal about this co-operation between the Soviet and British Navies for sea rescue, the spokesman added.—AFP.

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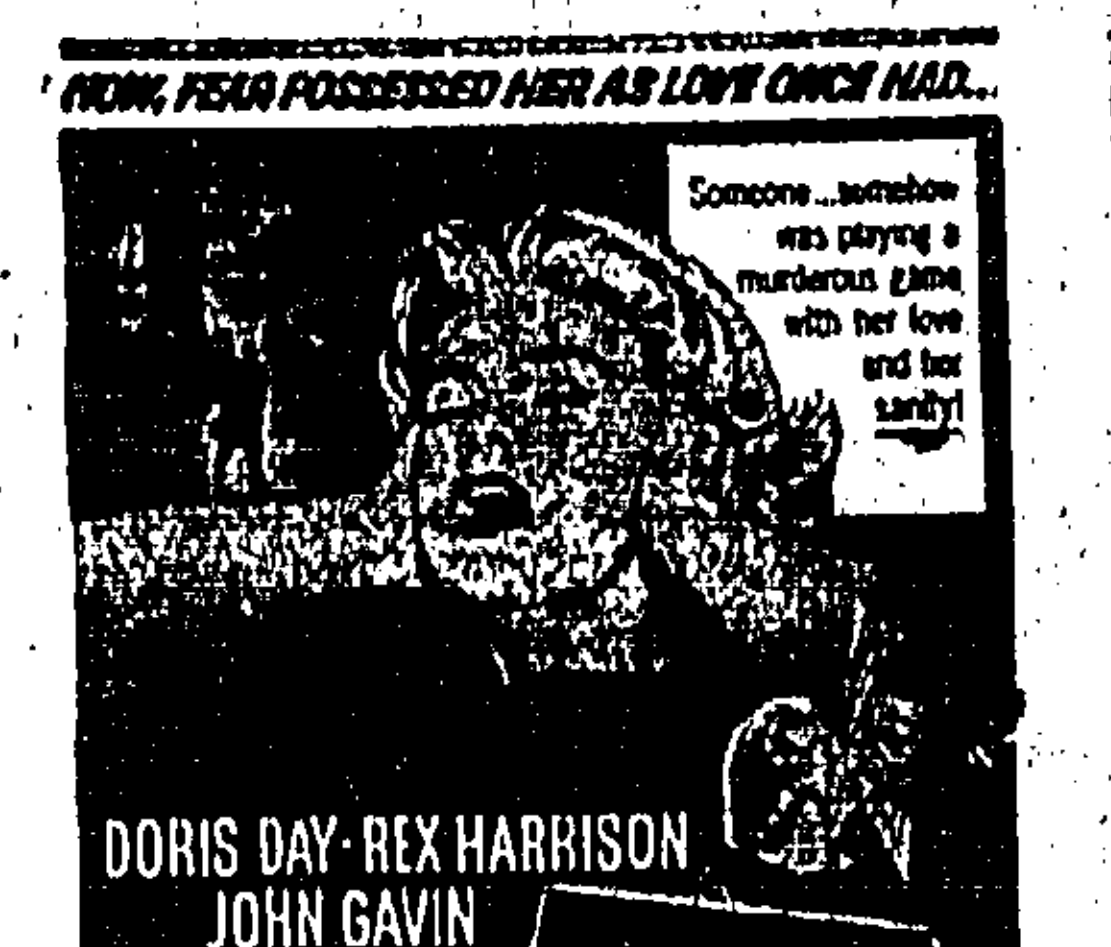
Copenhagen, Jan. 12.

King Phumibol and Queen Sirikit of Thailand arrived here by air from Zurich this evening for a three-day private visit as guests of King Frederik and Queen Ingrid of Denmark.

No special arrangements have been made for the visit, which is said by court officials to be "strictly private." The Thai King and Queen paid a short official visit to Denmark last September.—Reuters.

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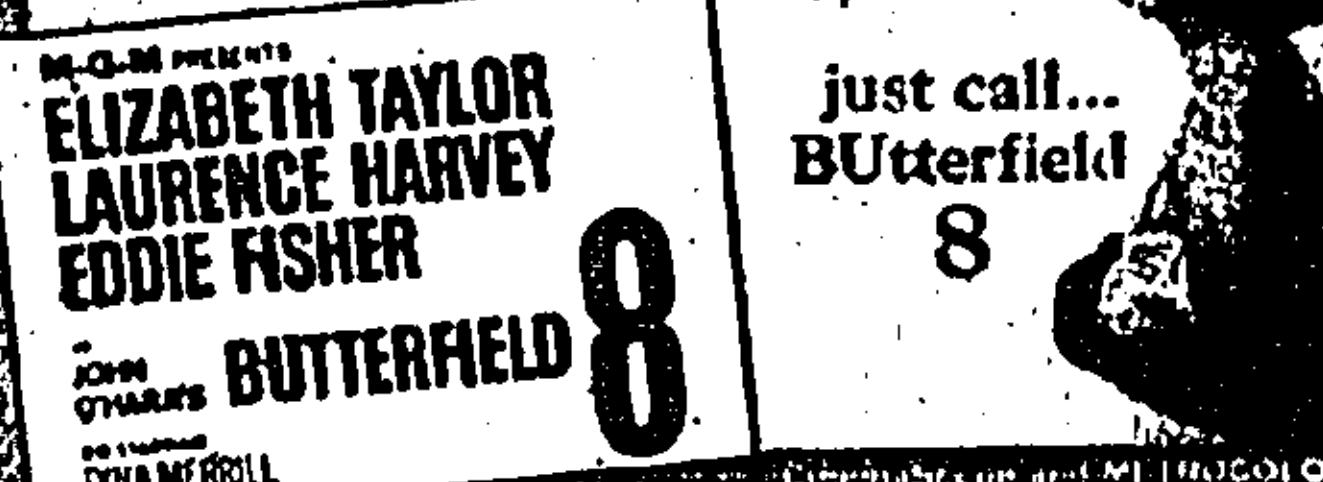
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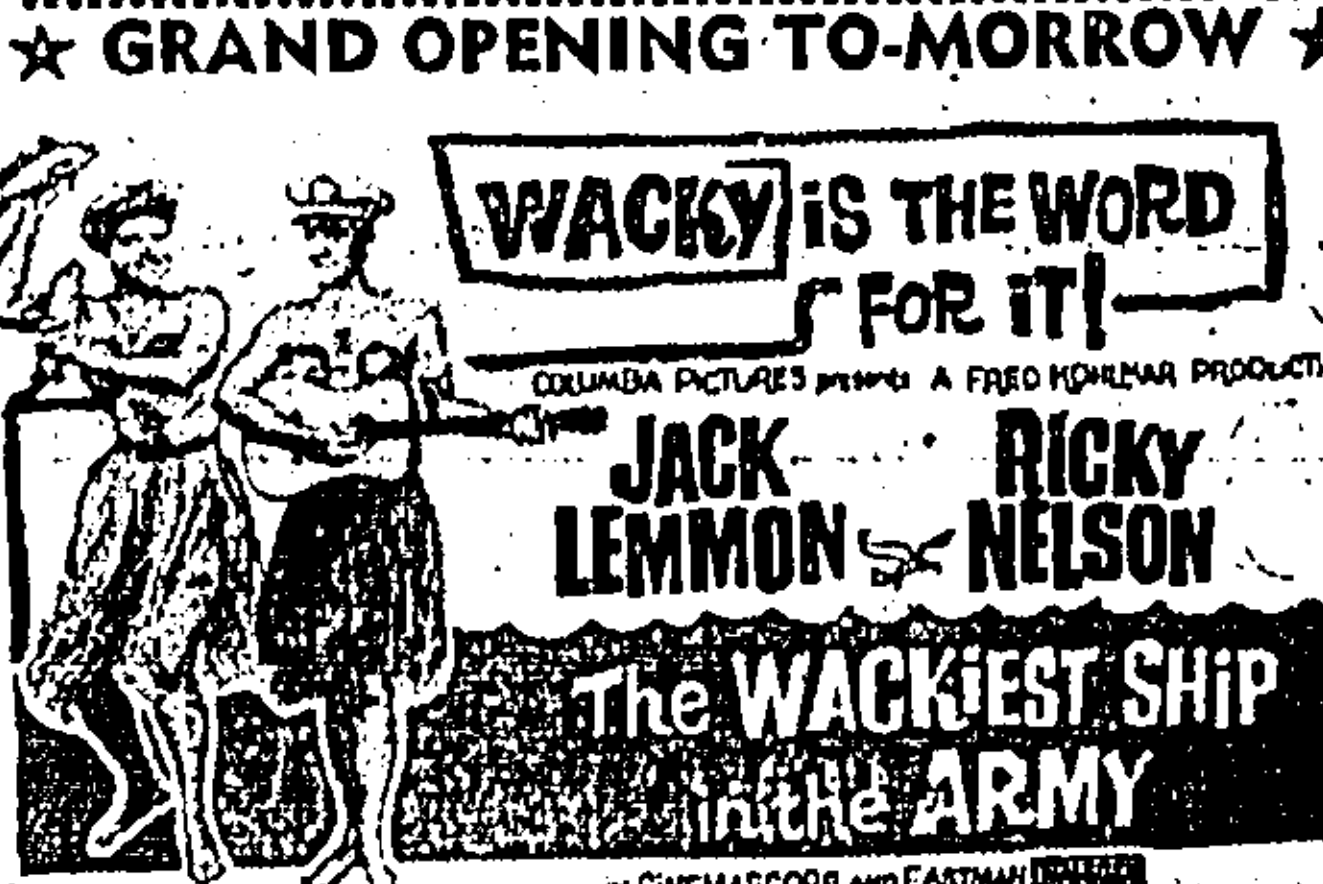
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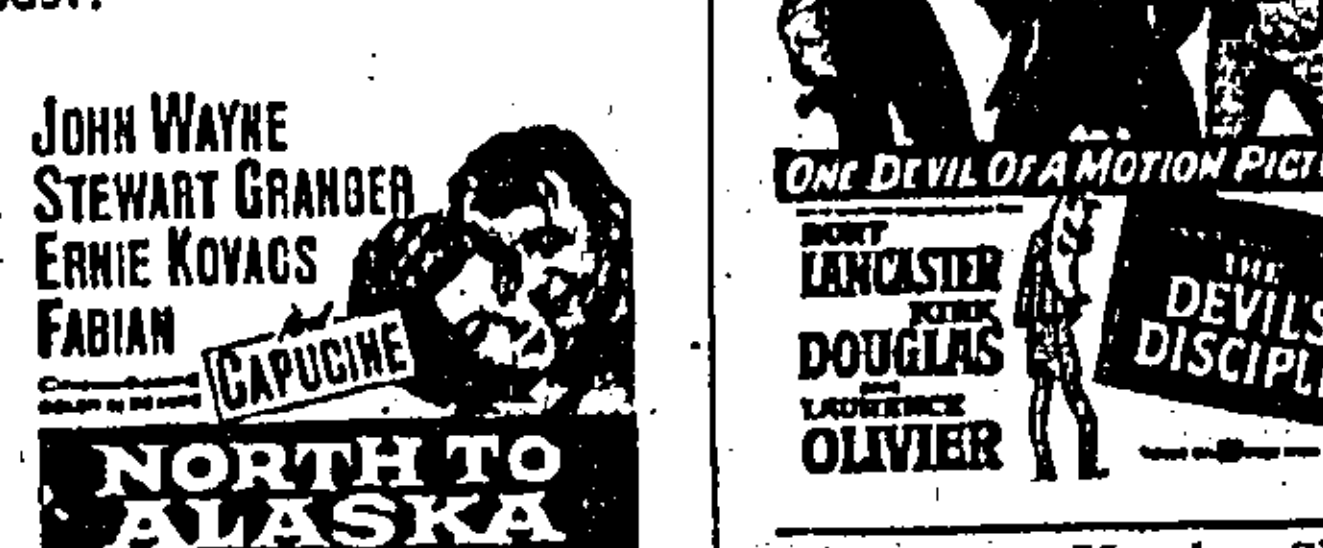


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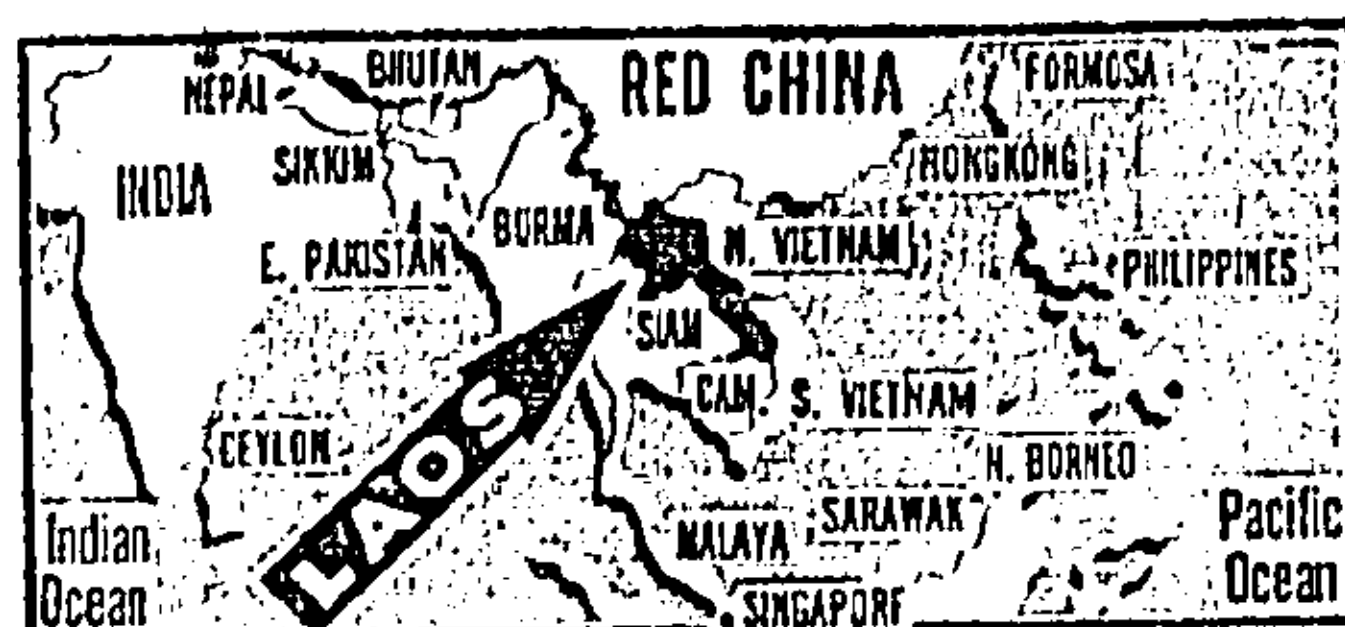
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BUT WHY LAOS?



Washington. The smell of danger, that butterflies-in-the-stomach feeling, is seeping into Washington, where all the talk is of Laos.

The assault aircraft-carrier Lexington sails from Hongkong... troops equipped with atomic weapons are alerted on Okinawa... fast transport aircraft stand ready at airfields close to para-troop camps.

But why? Why is America seeing crisis and danger in the latest twist of tortuous Laotian quarrels?

The answer is that America believes she has seen a ghost walking—the ghost of Dien Bien Phu.

The fall of Dien Bien Phu six years ago, and the armistice that followed it, was the end of French power in Indo-China. And America stepped in where the Communists had fled France out. The 1954 peace settlement between France and Indo-China's four separate States. The two most important today are North Vietnam, which is communist, and a satellite of China, and Laos, which, by the peace terms, should be neutral between East and West.

The missions

America has devoted \$300 million to keeping Laos happy in its "neutrality."

It was like pouring money down the drain.

The U.S. Government also sent military missions, economic aid missions, educational missions, fact-finding missions.

American Central Intelligence Agency men—in other words spies—are there. And such is the confusion, American as well as Laotian, that the diplomats and intelligence men sometimes get vermin and friends mixed up.

The loyalties

On one occasion, CIA agents tried to "sabotage" because they thought them untrustworthy, the very men that the U.S. Embassy was trying to get into the Laotian Government. Another time the U.S. Army discovered that it was actually training the rebels. Confusion could well be Laos's name. The Government and army and the royal family are so intermixed and are such a kaleidoscope of changing emotions and loyalties that coups and

In the past 18 months they have had six different Governments under such a diverse set of Premiers as Prince Souvanna, who was chased out of office by a certain Captain Kong and his para-troops last August; Prince Souvanna, chased into office by Kong; and Prince Boun Oum, who "captured" the premiership from Souvanna only last month.

Boun Oum now tells the Americans that the Communists are coming over the border from North Vietnam to help Kong and Souvanna back into power.

It is one of the sad facts of U.S. diplomatic life that—just as in Cuba and Korea and the Dominican Republic—the Americans in Laos have found themselves supporting corrupt, semi-Fascist Governments in order to keep the Communists out.

It is even sadder that most of the 3,000,000 people of Laos are illiterate tribesmen who are totally unaware of the issues involved.

The pressure

The Americans would dearly love to be out of it all, to be rid of Laos, to save their money and forget the smell of danger. But they cannot.

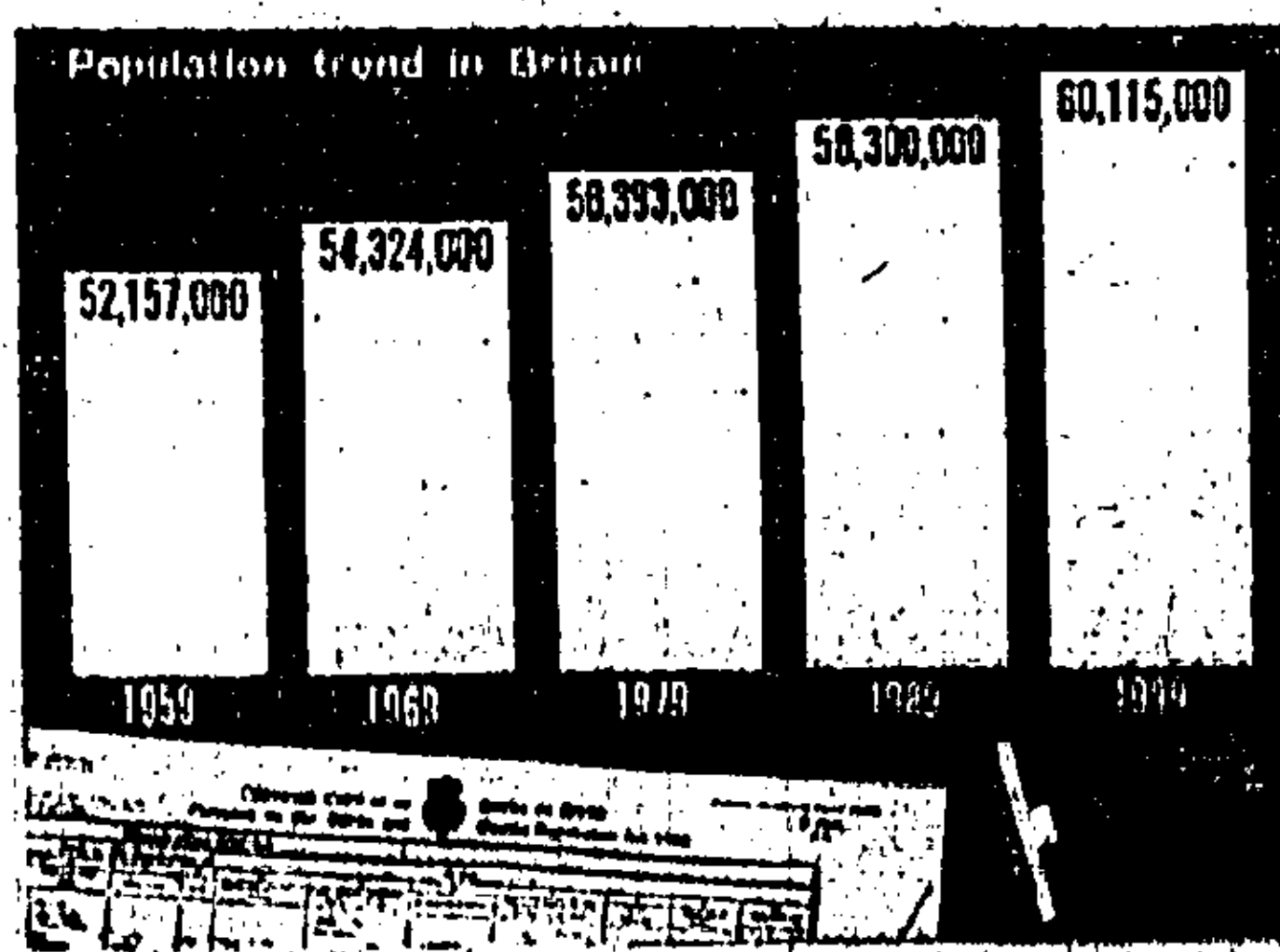
For one thing is certain—Laos can have no independent life. Its fall to the Communists would, the Americans believe, be a huge blow to U.S. prestige in Asia and put tremendous pressure on South Vietnam, Cambodia, and Siam.

They believe Red China's onward march would be inevitable.

But in the chaos that is Laos—with all the mixed-up reports from the mixed-up intelligence men—can anyone tell yet whether that march has begun?

Has America got something to be frightened about? Or is she jumping at her own shadow? (London Express Service).

THE BRITISH ISLES... IN 1999



Britain's population—as it is going to be. London Express Service.

OLD VICKY'S ALMANACK FOR 1961



JANUARY: President-elect inaugurated. Start of new election campaign. Automobiles U.S. policy for next four years. Lord Lambton attacks Mr. Macmillan. Gaitskell clashes with Crossman. John Bettelman becomes first Foot-Per since Lord Tennyson. Rail fares up. Football strike: troops called in. Frost.

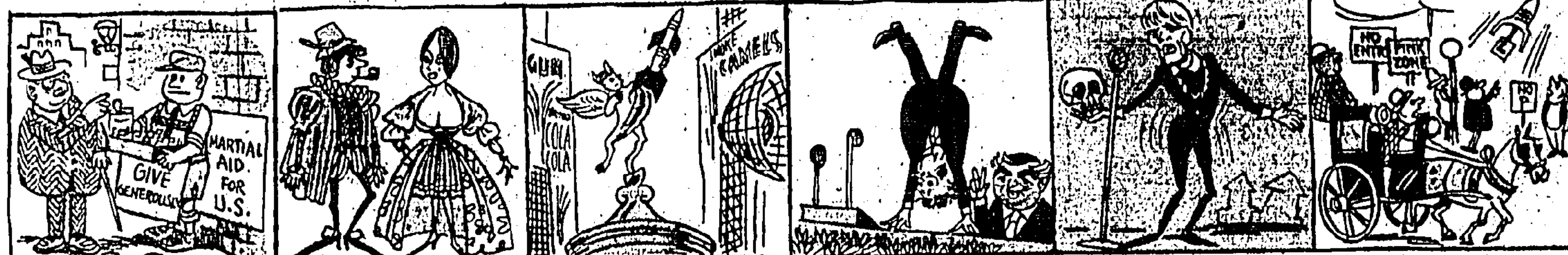
FEBRUARY: Sensational merger. Lady Dorothy Macmillan's third cousin by marriage joins the Government. Lord Lambton attacks Prime Minister. Colonel Mobutu arrests President Kasavubu. Clere and Cotton make take-over bid for Tower of London. Gaitskell clashes with Silverman. Floods.

MARCH: Roads wins the Grand National. Mr. K. asks for a summit meeting of all horse-loving countries. Randolph Gaitskell called a "fally billy". The Daily Express praises Gaitskell. America takes over Bullin holiday camps as rocket bases. Coal crisis. Feet all railways go back to steam. Storms. Bright periods.

APRIL: Mr. Seely's Lloyd opens his first Budget. The Times says "Enough is Enough". Mr. Nabarro attacks the Government. Gaitskell clashes with Zilliacus. Randolph Churchill wins libel action. Diana Dora gets part of Lady Q in film of the book. President Kasavubu arrests Colonel Mobutu. Billiards and rain.

MAY: Thousands move to new homes as the result of the Hens Act. Mr. Brooke says he is watching carefully. Mr. Maurice Macmillan's third uncle by marriage joins the Government. Summit meeting agrees that peace is not inevitable. Gaitskell clashes with Barbara Castle. Bank rate down. Thunderstorms.

JUNE: Severe strain on Commonwealth relations. Match starts. Mr. Sandys and Mr. Macleod called in. Kasavubu, Lord Beaverbrook and Mr. K. demand the arrest of Mr. Hammankfield. Gaitskell clashes with Wilson. Lord Lambton attacks Prime Minister. Discovery of six-year-old pop singer. Heat wave.



JULY: West Germany holds flag day to help American dollar crisis. Dr. Barbara Moore wins first Channel tunnel walking race. House Guards Parade becomes U.S. rocket base. The Daily Express praises Gaitskell. Lord Lambton attacks Prime Minister. Bank rate up. Government appeals to save water. Drought.

AUGUST: New British Elizabethans. The concert. French war. General de Gaulle protests and appeals to the nation's pride. TV debate between Fidel Castro and President Kennedy lasts 48 hours. Big car slump eases traffic problems. Mr. Marples thanks all concerned. Gaitskell on holiday. Gaits.

SEPTEMBER: Plan to make a road and fly. Circus a U.S. rocket base runs into criticism. Memoirs by Hon. Secretary. "I was Butler at No. 10." Cause a sensation. Lord Morrison bans the film of Lady Q. after two days debate in the Lords. Rail fares up. Lord Lambton attacks Mr. Macleod. Fox in rain.

OCTOBER: Gaitskell reverses conference vote at Blackpool and praises the block vote. Tory conference demands return of the stocks. A painting thought to be by an abominable snowman fetches £233,000 at Sotheby's. Sir Roy Welensky demands arrest of Mr. Macmillan and Mr. Macleod. Gaits. Storms.

NOVEMBER: Adam Faith appears in a musical version of Hamlet at the Old Vic. Gaitskell expels Michael Foot for flouting conference decisions. Mr. Clere makes take-over bid for Transport House. Lord Lambton criticizes Mr. Macmillan. Mr. Gaitskell says liberal revival is just around the corner. Smog. Floods.

DECEMBER: Rail, bus and Britain launches her first space ship. Bank of England runs out of notes in biggest spending spree ever. Mr. Marples asks pedestrians to drink a Pinta Milka Day. Lord Lambton becomes Foreign Secretary. Labour Party Unity: all Socialists purged. Fox, snow and ice.

HOW DOES THE U.S.

FEEL ABOUT CUBA NOW?

WE QUESTION OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER CHRISTOPHER DOBSON ABOUT THE BREAKDOWN OF RELATIONS BETWEEN AMERICA AND CUBA

Does America want war against Cuba? Is Latin America that important?

Eisenhower has been forced into the position of severing relations with Cuba. He did not want to do so. He has tried to play along with Castro, not for Castro's sake, but to convince the remainder of Latin America that the United States really is not an imperialistic monster.

The United States Government has never seriously considered making war against Castro. It realises that such a move would be catastrophic in its relations with the other Latin American and the new-born African nations.

But very many Americans would be delighted in seeing the Marines go charging ashore to sweep Castro to his doom.

Does he think the Russians are intent on stepping up tension in

Cuba to divert attention from Laos?

Feeling here is divided between those who feel that Castro's latest moves have been ordered from Moscow or Peking as a deliberate diversion towards the situation in Laos, and those who believe he has been forced to build up his latest charges of aggression against the United States because his situation is deteriorating in Cuba itself.

What effect has the announcement severing diplomatic relations had on Washington's diplomatic life?

The feeling in Washington is one of "Well, at last it happened." This severing of relations between Cuba and America is what everybody has really expected for months now.

Now that it has come everybody is surprised, somewhat fearful, and above all

wondering: "What is Kennedy going to do with this mess?"

How is Kennedy's team going to react to these two platefuls?

It is going to be very easy for the Democrats to accuse Eisenhower of having one last big irresponsible fling at power to secure him of brinkmanship in Laos and stupidity in Cuba.

But this is really not being fair. While America has been stupid in both countries in the past, the present situations have been forced upon Eisenhower. Especially that in Cuba.

For two long years America, the most powerful country in the world, has been insulted, and spat upon, by a tiny country that America could crush in a day.

Just how angry is the American man in the street with Castro?

Castro's swaggering behaviour when he and his followers strewed their New York hotel room with feathers plucked from chickens they were cooking for their dinner, and a long line of ludicrous Cuban lovelies queued up to see his United Nations delegation last autumn, enraged the Americans. They have been mad at him ever since.

Eisenhower's action will be universally acclaimed in America. The Americans have taken just about all they are going to from the man they call the "bearded chicken plucker."

Will Kennedy approve of this action?

President-elect Kennedy has not yet made known his views on the breaking of relations between the two countries. He has, however, been kept informed of the developing situation by Mr. Dean Rusk, who is going to be his Secretary of State on June 20.

Rusk, working in the State Department, has been fully briefed by Secretary of State Christian Hoffer on all the developments in both Laos and Cuba.

Dobson's conclusion: However much Kennedy agrees with Eisenhower's action, he must be carefully watching the situation.

What is a mess which should be wished on no man who is about to become President of the United States of America? (London Express Service).

PARIS NEWS LETTER by SAM WHITE

The secret romance of the richest of the Rothschilds

PARIS. A MAN who, although only half a Rothschild, was richer than any of the Rothschilds died here last month.

He was the remarkable 69-year-old Baron Egmont van Zuylen, whose last years were marked by his passionate but little known devotion to the British actress, the late Leonora Corbett.

Miss Corbett died last July at the age of 62 while a guest in the Baron's 12th century castle near Utrecht. She left him in her will her life savings amounting to US\$320,000.

She is buried in the grounds of the castle in the family mausoleum. The Baron's body now lies buried next to hers.

The Baroness van Zuylen was opposed to his friendship with Miss Corbett but the two women were reconciled shortly before Miss Corbett's death.

His fortune

The 50-year-old Baronesses comes from a prosperous Alexandrian family. She is handsome, dark, looks younger than her age and is a fanatical card player.

In financial circles here, Baron van Zuylen was considered to own more immediately marketable securities than any other rich man on the Continent. His fortune was distributed in the United States, Britain, Holland, France, Belgium and inevitably, Switzerland.

He inherited his fortune from his mother who was the daughter of Solomon de Rothschild. She was the richest heiress of her day, having herself inherited from all three Rothschild brothers who were the founders of the banking dynasty.

She eloped

In 1888 she created a European sensation by eloping with and marrying the Baron Silenus van Zuylen, the head of an aristocratic but impoverished Dutch Catholic family.

It was the greatest scandal of the day and resulted in a fierce feud between the two families that lasted nearly half a century.

Meanwhile, Rothschild money to the tune of £100,000,000 was poured into building the enormous van Zuylen castle with its over 100

Ironically enough, history repeated itself some 70 years later in reverse order when Continental and especially Jewish society was shaken by the marriage between Baron van Zuylen's daughter, Marie Elise, and Baron Guy de Rothschild, the 51-year-old head of the Rothschild family.

The Baron's first marriage was dissolved. The Jewish community had to swallow not only the fact of a Rothschild divorce but his marriage to a Gentile.

Baron van Zuylen, a tall, elegant figure with a dark pose, was well known on the Paris turf. He began buying racehorses in 1880, and quickly showed himself a shrewd breeder. The bulk of his fortune will go to his 28-year-old son, Edward Thilery.

PIAF IS BACK... AFTER a year's absence Edith Piaf has returned to the Paris Music Hall stage. Her comeback is astonishing when one recalls her long illness marked by several dramatic collapses when her life was often held to be in danger.

Now she is back and a daily 55-minute session with her devoted vitality is being broadcast. How do you explain this sudden revival of energy in that frail form?

All I can say is that she has made a new discovery—Charles Dumont—a 24-year-old composer whom she met three months ago, since when there's been no holding her.

SOUSTELLE COMPLAINS JACQUES SOUSTELLE has been complaining bitterly that the Government denied him the free postal facilities and free poster space it accorded to all

other political parties campaigning in the referendum. M. Soustelle said this involved his movement in very heavy expenses.

THE BIG FIRE PUZZLE

THIS is the story of two synagogues. A year ago that splendid Paris newspaper Le Monde reported that a synagogue in a small town near Moscow had been burned to the ground after it had been attacked by a mob.

By publishing this report, Le Monde unleashed upon itself the full fury of the Paris Left-wing Press.

A few weeks later a Russian general came to Paris and said that he himself had visited the synagogue in question and had found it intact.

Now Maître Blumel, a leading Paris lawyer and president of the Franco-Soviet Friendship Association, has returned from Moscow with the interesting report that Soviet authorities confirm the incident but claim that those responsible had been arrested and sentenced to heavy terms of imprisonment.

'No trial'

Jews in Moscow, however, told him that no such trial had ever taken place and indeed there has been no mention of such a trial in the Soviet Press. Nor has there been any mention of Maître Blumel's report in the Paris Left-wing Press.

Now comes the story of the other synagogue. Several weeks ago Moslem nationalists rioters in the Algerian Casbah des Oudayas, which is the shrine of a Jewish community which has fled in Algiers since pre-Christian times.

This attack has been ignored by the Paris Left-wing Press. In short, in the wake of the last anti-Jewish outrage is not an outrage if it is committed by Russian Communists or Arab Nationalists. (London Express Service).

WOMANSENSE

PARENTS' PAGE

Edited by
Maureen Owen

PEOPLE who do things for children are usually very scientific about it. And another thing, people who do things for children on a large, improving scale are hardly ever parents.

Caryl Jenner, Director of the English Theatre for Children is unmarried and has the cropped hair and ageless look which I connect with people who do things for children on a large, improving scale.

She put into words what I have always suspected: most child experts think about parents "once you marry and multiply you tend to lose your objectivity about children."

How's your objectivity? Mine's always rather bad around my children. So when I visited the Rudolph Steiner Theatre near Regent's Park to see Miss Jenner's two productions, "The Coral King and The Provoking of Pantaloon," I took a four-year-old critic with me. Child critics are all the rage this year, in case you didn't know, and nearly all the proper critics were equipped with their own junior critics. We all sat in pairs.

REACTIONS

A note in this programme says the show is written, designed and acted for children and the company are not bothered about what the grown-ups will think, so I concentrated objectively on the four-year-old critic, who concentrated objectively on the stage.

No company could have wished for a more attentive audience.

Only one child (not a critic) broke down when the octopus bore the horrid elder brother and sister off to the coral cave, which caused Miss Jenner to mark it up in her audience reaction figures. She takes these figures at every performance.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): A suggestion to alter a plan ought to be rejected, as your own idea is definitely the better one.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): A young person will ask your advice and then proceed to do exactly the opposite, but you should

not be discouraged from advising him on future occasions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A recently made friend will surprise you by imparting some useful information which you have tried to obtain for a very long time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An annoying little incident ought to be shrugged off and not be allowed to spoil your otherwise happy mood.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): An expenditure you have contemplated for quite a while should be made now, when you will get the best value for your money.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): A neighbour who has been helped by you will show his gratitude by putting some remunerative work your way.

LEO (July 22-August 21): A closer relationship with a member of your family can easily be attained if you show your desire for it.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): Don't hesitate any longer to contact the people who have offered to help you in your career.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): If idle gossip tends to upset you, consider the source when it came. Some people enjoy making trouble.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): An intimate friend's judgment may be wrong, and you should not base your own decision entirely on his influence.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): A very pleasant weekend is in store for you, providing you don't let business worries interfere with your enjoyment of it.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): A friend who recently paid you a long visit will give a most flattering report of you to people whose opinion you value highly.

YOUR BIRTHDAY: If this is your birthday, a change early in the year will bring a definite turn for the better in your affairs. A new responsibility will easily be assumed and finances ought to improve.

About those knock knees...

MOTHERS, according to a doctor in a well-known children's hospital, are getting not only more health conscious about their children's bodies—but more perfection-conscious too.

In the hospital I visited, the team of doctors and physiotherapists who treat spastics and other congenital cases are good people, to talk to about the development of the normal child.

KNOCK-KNEES, they say, afflict about 80 per cent of all British toddlers and are generally outgrown by four or five.

A good corrective exercise is getting the child to stand, ankles together, knees straightened well back and then "post" books between the knees.

Marbles

FLAT FEET should never be allowed to persist after the age of two, though many infants are flat-footed when they first begin to walk. The recommended exercise here is the picking up of marbles and pencils with bare toes.

BAD POSTURE is something on which you need expert advice and my tip is to go to your doctor.

Best all-round exercise for the development of a straight and healthy body are skipping and swimming.

DON'T WORRY if your son throws out a lot between six and eight (boys are more prone to this than girls). He is in the middle of one of the three big "growing spurts" and will fill out again later. Other big growing spurts: infancy and puberty.

—Maureen Owens

SMARTLY SNUG



BOTH fashionable and warm is this knitted hat (named 'Twickenham Special'), designed specially for the outdoor girl. Push all your hair away or pull curls at the sides—the little hat is easy to wear. —Routerphoto.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

BEFORE someone writes in to tell me that today's hand is too simple for a bridge column, I want to point out that there is no such thing as a simple grand slam bid, except possibly for such rarities as a 13 card suit or a solid 24 points opposite an opening no-trump.

Of course, there are a lot of ways to get to seven. The bidding in the box was used by Joe Klamy and Bruce Jansen of Phoenix, Ariz., at the Desert Empire regional and since several pairs stopped at six, this hand contributed to their victory in the Men's Pairs.

The really interesting bid is North's final call of seven.

♥♦CARD Sense♦♥

Q—The bidding has been:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass
2♠ Pass 2NT Pass

You, South, hold:
♠A Q 5 ♣A Q 7 5 ♦2 ♣A K J 7
What do you do?

A—Did four hearts. Your partner is signing off but you still can't afford to play this hand below game.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Instead of bidding two no-trump over your two spades your partner has bid three hearts. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

NORTH (D) 25			
♠A Q 3 2			
♥K Q 9 7 5			
♦K 3			
♣7 0			
WEST			
♠J 9			
♥8 3			
♦Q 8 2			
♣Q J 10 8 5			
EAST			
♠7 4			
♥J 10 4 2			
♦5 4			
♣K 9 4 3			
SOUTH			
♠A 8			
♥A 10 8 7			
♦A 2			
Both vulnerable			
North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6NT	Pass
6♥	Pass	7	Pass
7	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠Q			

spades. North has opened the bidding, jumped in spades and shown his ace and two kings. Why did he, also, bid the grand slam?

The answer is that he decided his partner was interested in seven and was either worried about the spade suit or about the possibility that North might hold the king of clubs as one of his two kings. North knew he had very good spades and the important kings; hence, the seven bid.

Children at the theatre: funny the things they like best...

After the show everyone waited for their child critics to give utterance, but like true critics they refused to commit themselves verbally. Miss Jenner was not discouraged. "We go by the letters the children write after the show," she said. "They write after every performance and it was the things they wrote about, plus our audience reaction figures that gave us the clues as to what children really are interested in when we started the Children's Theatre 11 years ago."

The things children like may surprise some people. Best of all they like a story that leads up to a happy marriage. Both boys and girls are very marriage-minded and romance has to be brought in somewhere.

They love evil but prefer evil to be made laughable than vanquished altogether.

A "good" character must be shown to have some faults early on in the action. And although the struggle between good and evil is a must, the more subtle struggle between good and good is not.

Unlike adult performances, laughter and applause is not a sound sign that children are really enjoying themselves according to Miss Jenner and her figures.

AVOIDED

"Anyone can make a child laugh by falling on his bottom," she said. "We try and avoid that sort of thing here. And we find that children don't remember spectacular shows. They gasp at the time but next day it's all forgotten."

My child critic now believes herself to be an octopus who can turn people into bits of coral and I am only trying to be objective when I add that it's nice to find a theatre where the seats cost five bob and you can park your car outside.

40 per cent of the awards and 24 per cent of the places; secondary grammar schools 27 per cent of the awards and 42 per cent of the places.

The value of this analysis, as I see it, is that it shows your daughter does not necessarily have a better chance of winning top academic prizes if she goes to a public or independent school.

Filling the gap...

PERUGIA in Italy is a university now much in favour for school-leavers with that tricky gap to fill (six months in a coffee bar is NOT the answer).

Perugia is considered one of the best universities for foreigners (meaning us) and

gives three-month courses in an unusual variety of subjects.

Some Italian is necessary as the courses are conducted in that language, though they specialise in English speaking difficulties. The Italian Institute of Culture in Belgrave Square give holiday courses designed to equip students with enough Italian to benefit from the Italian universities.

A course at Perugia costs £18 and is open to students of 10 upwards. Fathers and sons have been known to attend together, although I cannot see that working out.

Let it be known that Perugia is no dull university town. There are cinemas, night-clubs and open-air dance floors. They believe in temptation.

On the other hand even a microfilm would find it hard to miss out on culture with Perugia's background of mystic scenery, opera and art galleries.

Living is cheap (still 3s. for a three-course meal at the local

trattorias), but accommodation tends to get booked up now for the courses which start in April.

The way they live—1:

I KNOW a grandmother who drums up a good income from dressmaking and pattern designing. Her whole life revolves round services and she hardly ever goes out.

Her dresses, etc., are conveyed by a State delivery service, one of the cheapest and least known in the country.

Her clerical work is done by an agency.

Her housework is done through another agency who send in immediate replacement if the regular daily is ill.

She says it is cheaper to hire a car for weekends and holidays with children than pay tax, insurance and parking fines. All her shopping is done on the phone. She works a ten-hour day to keep the service going but most of it is done from her bed.

Her daughter says she is not a bit mad, and her grandchildren love visiting her. She is usually as a baby sitter.

—(London Express Service.)

COOKING COLUMN by Helen Burke

RING COOKING

WITH only one electric plate or gas ring, the following menu is possible with a little juggling:

Cream of Chicken Soup

Pork, Country Style with Vegetables

Pommes Normande

THE SOUP (canned or packaged) can interrupt the pork for a few minutes and the apple dish can be cooked in advance and reheated at the last minute.

THE PORK. For one person, allow a pork cutlet; for three, buy a suitable piece of spare ribs. (Any left over will make a delicious cold dish.)

Put a little of the pork fat in a thick pot or iron casserole. Dust the cutlet with a little pepper and salt and teaspoon of flour and fry it all over to a golden tone.

Seasoning

Remove while frying a chopped onion, a diced small piece of parsley, a diced carrot and three whole little onions. Lift these out and fry a sliced small apple. Replace the cutlet and cover with the vegetable and one to two sliced potatoes, seasoning each addition as you go.

Sprinkle with three to five tablespoons of water. Place butter paper on top and put on the lid. Cook very gently for 40 minutes or, for a piece of pork, a little longer.

POMMES NORMANDE. Peel, quarter and core the required number of small dessert apples. Melt a little butter in a frying-pan. Add the apples, in one layer, and turn them as they cook.

When soft and a golden tone, sprinkle with sugar and a pinch of cinnamon. Serve as they are, or, better still, add a measure of rum or whisky, heat through and set alight.

—(London Express Service.)

STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

The Mysterious Picture

—General Tin Solves The Case Satisfactorily—

By MAX TRELL

EVERYONE in the house was asking the same question. Who had painted the wonderful picture on the outside of the window pane?

"All I know," said Mr Punch, "is that it was done during the night."

"It must have been painted during the night," said Hand, the Shadow Girl, "because it wasn't there when I went to bed."

"But who?" said Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, as he looked around at everyone in the room. "could have painted the picture in the middle of the night? And just look at it! It's all painted in bits of ice!"

Summer scene

Everyone crowded around the ice-picture to have a close look at it.

Strangely enough, though it was painted in ice, the picture itself seemed to be that of a summer garden. You could see the trees thick with leaves and the clusters of daisies and buttercups, while far in the distance, a herd of cows were grazing on the grassy slopes of the hill.

"Now somebody must have painted that picture," Mary-Jane, the Rag Doll kept saying. "Who could it be?"

Then, suddenly, they were startled to hear General Tin, the Tin Soldier saying:

The nightwatch

Everyone knew that General Tin was telling the truth when he said that he was awake all night. But I couldn't see who it was that made it."

"I was standing here in this room," he said, "when I first noticed that someone outside the window was painting a picture on the window pane. So I walked right up to the window and opened it. I was determined to find out who was painting the picture of ice on the window pane."

General Tin paused and shook his head.

"But I never could see who it was," he said. "Still I think I know who did it."

Awaiting an answer

Everyone in the room waited for General Tin to say who he thought it was who had painted the picture in ice on the window pane.

"I can't just one artist," he said. "It's four of them, maybe more."

"One of them is the Wind. The second is the Cold. The third is the Air. The fourth is the Frozen Rain Drops. All of them together are the artist. But don't ask me how they could paint such a beautiful picture. And don't ask me, either, why the picture should look like a scene in the middle of summer! Because those are the things I don't know."

Then everyone in the room wondered whether General Tin, the Tin Soldier, was right. And they thought he must be, because, after all, he was the only one who had been awake all through the cold, windy, frosty night when the beautiful picture was being painted on the outside of the window pane.



Everyone crowded around the ice-picture for a close look.

Rupert and the Purple Star—40



Sailor Sam stared at the little bear. "What do you mean?" he demands. "How do you know? If Black Pedro hasn't got the ancient paper, where is it?" "It's here!" laughs Rupert. "I've got it myself! When I first heard Pedro coming I was scared."

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HKSA Chairman Bill Woo returns from U.S. with news for Little Leaguers

By OLLY VAS

"What's new?" That was the question popped at me by the Chairman of the Hongkong Softball Association, Bill Woo, a few days after his return from abroad just before the turn of the year. But it turned out he was the one in possession of information of special interest to the King's Park fraternity.

Travelling to Rome as an official of the Hongkong Olympic team and the Hongkong delegate to the World Congress of the International Amateur Basketball Association held during the Games, Bill hardly had an idle day.

In Rome he took time off to watch top soccer, but baseball league matches and had a chance to discuss with Italian officials all the latest baseball news. The game is gaining in popularity in Italy and the Italian National team has, not so long ago, travelled to European capitals to play friendly matches for the purpose of gaining experience. The idea of Little League baseball being introduced there is under serious consideration.

After his way to the United States of America, seeing the World Series and then going down to the headquarters of Little League in South Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Shown the works

He was the house guest of Mickey McConnell, the League's training programme officer, and in Bill's own words "it was an eye-opening experience" to be shown the works.

Bill briefed Peter McGovern, the man in command at Little League headquarters on the start which has been made by Little Leaguers in Hongkong and the latter expressed interest in the expansion of the game here.

As our young baseballers are only getting started it will be some time before the age limit (raised to suit local conditions) can be relaxed to 12 years.

And the hard ball, instead of the rubber one, be used.

These are essential conditions if Hongkong is to obtain a

charter as a full-fledged member of the world-wide Little League organisation, which is what Bill Woo is trying hard to secure. Charter membership will carry with it certain material benefits for our youngsters, such as the right to participate in the Little League World Series held annually in the USA.

Asian tournament?

The idea of an Asian Zone tournament was mooted by McGovern and since there are franchised leagues in Guam, Japan, Korea, the Midway Islands, Okinawa and the Philippines the opposition is there and ready to compete against the best Hongkong can offer.

Anyone who has not had the opportunity to read all the literature available on Little League will fail to appreciate the influence the game has on youth. Bill Woo's plan to get Hongkong a charter membership is not likely to come to fruition for a long while yet.

He will have the support of all the youngsters but he will need the help and co-operation of volunteers to expand the Little League programme here. Are there any takers from the ranks of our ex-footballers and baseballers? Meanwhile, Bill will be filing regular reports with HQ and more news on our own league will be available after next week's LL meeting.

Weekend softball

Now for our softball league schedule for the weekend.

Pride of place will go to Lionel Dayaram's Stardusts and Alex Draga's Indians for their clash in a crucial Men's Junior match tomorrow afternoon at 2.00 pm. The Indians are out of the running for the championship but they can spoil the Stardusts' bid for the title by

avenging an earlier 5-4 defeat. The Stardusts must beat both the Indians and the league-leading Glens to force a play-off and if the Indians turn the tables on them it would be a sad day for Dayaram.

This should turn out to be a very good match with pitchers Marques and Hussain for the Indians and Stardusts respectively having plenty to say. Defensively the Stardusts are a better side while the Indians boast stronger hitting power.

The Stardusts should repeat but only by a very narrow margin. If they turn up in full force for I understand that this fixture clashes with some of their players' school sports.

The 3.30 match features the Austers against New Asia College. The latter will be going all out to avenge an earlier 22-15 reversal and on current form they should emerge winners.

Senior match

The mighty SCAA girls' team opens the Sunday programme with a game against the Toreros. The Carolinas have talked 37 runs in two matches, one an 18-0 victory over the Toreros. Need one say any more? At 11.00 am the Junior Pandas play the Antelopes and another one-sided game should ensue.

The 1.30 pm Senior match sees the unbeaten SCAA nine pitted against the Seminoles. I cannot foresee anything other than a South China victory.

The Glens should make it eleven straight wins when they come up against the White Sox at 3.30 pm.

In closing, a word about the International, China, Portugal, Great Britain and the USA have been invited to participate in the games during the Chinese New Year holidays. Pakistan and the Philippines will not compete this year.

'North' footballers approve strike order

Football players of Northern England met today in Manchester and unanimously approved the strike order launched by their "trade union", the Professional Footballers' Association, for January 21.

Following the example set on Tuesday and Wednesday by their Southern and Midland colleagues the 344 players present at the meeting categorically rejected the Football League's latest proposals to avert the strike.

Main objection

The decision was taken mainly because the proposals included no change in the equal transfer clause. Under the clause, clubs may transfer or retain players without asking for their opinion. The footballers have called for less severe rules on this point.

Stalemate

A stalemate was thus apparently reached in the conflict. The football League's Secretary-General Alan Hawthorn, however, made a statement today which left some hope for a compromise solution.

London, Jan. 12.

He said: "It is wrong to assume that the League's insistence on maintaining the status quo and transfer system means that it could not be discussed with the players in the future."

Two resolutions were put to the players, representing 43 clubs, by PFA Chairman Jimmy Hill. There was a unanimous chorus of "no" to the first: "Do you accept the offer of the football league?" There was no answer when he asked if there was anybody in the room who would not go on strike.—AFP.

Resolutions

There was no answer when he asked if there was anybody in the room who would not go on strike.—AFP.

dear sir OUR SOCCER REFEREES

Is there any semblance of "truth" in the local rumour that some "wag" has stated that —

"There are 20 First Class Referees on the Official List of the Hongkong Football Association, 10 on the Hongkong side and 10 on the Kowloon side. Unfortunately one of them passed away, and the Referees Association decided to open a \$1.00 subscription towards his funeral expenses."

"A Committee man from Kowloon heard about this and thought he would like to subscribe and he sent the following letter: 'I have pleasure in subscribing \$1.00 towards Mr So & So's funeral expenses. I enclose a cheque for \$20.00. Keep the change and bury the other 19 at the same time.'"

"NUTTY."

WEST INDIES 94 FOR THREE

Sydney, Jan. 13.

The West Indies made an indifferent start after winning the toss as the third Test match against Australia opened here today, and at lunch were 94 for three.

Dawson dismissed in this morning's play were Conrad Hunte (34), Campbell Smith (10) and Rohan Kanhai (21). Two of them were victims of Alan Davidson who managed to get left from the pitch.

The West Indies, one down in the five-match series, opened with a full force of batsmen, and Hunte and Smith had 42 on the board after the first 30 minutes, which included six fours.

But with the departure of Smith and the advent of Macleay, who was able to swing the ball appreciably either way in the heavy atmosphere, the scoring slowed down considerably.

At the adjournment Sobers was 13 not out and Worrell one not out. Australia left out Frank Mitchell from the 12 originally picked for the match.

Scoreboard

C. Hunte c Simpson b 34									
McKinnon c Simpson b 10									
R. Kanhai c Groot b 21		Davidson		G. Sobers not out 13		F. Worrell not out 1		Extras 9	
Davidson		G. Sobers not out 13		F. Worrell not out 1		Extras 9			
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F. Worrell not out 1		Extras 9							
Extras 9									

Total (for 3 wickets) 94

Fall of wickets: 1-48, 2-68, 3-89.

Bowling to date	O	M	R	W
Davidson	8	1	29	2
McKinnon	8	0	40	1
Mackay	7	0	16	0

—Reuter.

Eric Monti leads in San Diego golf

San Diego, Jan. 12.

Eric Monti of Los Angeles knocked five strokes off par for a 66 today and with a one-stroke margin led the way through the first round of the \$20,000 San Diego Open tournament.

He covered the par 35-36-71, 6,725-yard course in 32-34. Tied at 67 were South Africa's Gary Player, who missed a \$10,000 hole-in-one jackpot by the margin of 10 inches and Jerry Barber and Marty Furgol of the United States.

Player and Furgol toured the course in 31-35. Barber did it in 34-33.

Player, a muscular 24-year-old now playing out of Longhorne, Pennsylvania, hit a four-wood shot off the tee on his 207-yard 18th hole. As Player and the gallery gasped, the ball rolled 10 inches short of the pin. The tournament is offering \$10,000 for a hole-in-one.

Twenty-nine professionals in the fields of 180 broke par. Max Faulkner of England had a 35-37-70 and Eric Brown of Scotland had 35-37-73.—AP.

Plunket Shield cricket results

Wellington, Jan. 12.

Wellington beat Auckland by seven wickets in a Plunket Shield cricket match here today. Scores were: Auckland: 160 and 208; Wellington: 344 and 26 for three.

In another Shield match, Central Districts gained first innings points from Northern Districts at Palmerston North. Scores were: Northern Districts: 316 and 230 for five; Central Districts: 481.

L. B. Teasdale hit a record 163 for Central Districts.—China Mail Special.

APTC can now have soccer coaches

The Army Physical Training Corps has now accepted Association Football as a PT sponsored sport. This means that Army PT instructors can now be trained as football coaches and then be responsible for the training and coaching of unit teams and the training of coaches among Service personnel.—Banews Service.

FAME WITHOUT FORTUNE

By JOHN COTRELL

Sad news from the United States is that 39-year-old Ezzard Charles, former world heavyweight champion, is now flat broke and has turned to wrestling to keep the tax-man from the door.

Earned \$2m

Charles, who earned close to two million dollars, was compared in style with the shrewd Gene Tunney. In contrast, Tunney invested his first earnings carefully and is now a multimillionaire business tycoon.

Charles, Golden Gloves

turned champion in 1940 and outpointed Jersey Joe Walcott for the world title vacated by Joe Louis in 1948.

The following year he out-pointed Louis. Then he lost his title to Walcott and later had two title fights with world champion, Rocky Marciano, boxing's greatest-ever money-maker.

Most famous

Most famous boxer-turned-wrestler is giant Italian Primo Carnaro, still throwing his 54-year-old frame about the ring, who has made far more money from wrestling than he did as world champion boxer.

Max Baer, Carnaro's conqueror, also turned to wrestling, and boxer Bob Fitzsimmons and Gus Ruhlin fought each other at both sports. Life Commission winning with the gloves on and losing without them.

Odd man out: Paul Bernbach, who was an Olympic heavyweight champion wrestler BEFORE he turned to boxing and won the world light-heavyweight title in 1925.

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Pender warned not to use 'rabbit' punches

Boston, Jan. 12. Challenger Terry Downes of England today served notice on middleweight champion Paul Pender that he will retaliate if the American uses illegal rabbit punches in their title fight here on Saturday night.

"If he uses 'rabbits' (punches on the back of the neck) on me, I will give him some rabbits of my own," said the 24-year-old British champion. "What's good for him will be good for me. I just hope I don't have to do it. I'd rather it would be a clean fight."

"I saw the films of the Pender-Sugar Ray Robinson fights and I saw Pender use the rabbit punch repeatedly. Of course, Robinson was partially to blame for the way he hung on at times to get a rest."

Discussion

"Pender won't have to worry about the hanging on. I won't be holding. I'll be going after him."

The subject of Pender's rabbit-punching was brought up by Harry Levine, the British promoter who is helping Downes's manager, ailing Sammy Burns. Burns, who arrived today, suffered a heart attack recently.

While Downes was going through 10 rounds of light gymnastic work today, Levine mentioned that he had spoken to the Massachusetts Athletic Commission about penalties against rabbit-punching and other rule violations. Levine said the rules would be discussed again with the Commission by Teddy Waltham, Secretary of the British Board of Boxing Control who arrived from England today.

"I'm confident I can beat Pender," said Downes. "If I didn't think so, I would not be here. I am in great shape and I think I'll be too strong and busy for him."

Pender is recognised as world champion in Massachusetts, New York, and Eur. e. Gene Fullmer of Utah is recognised as champion by the American National Boxing Association.

The 16-round event will be staged in the Boston Arena. Betting odds which once favoured Pender by 11-5 are now down to 9-5 here.—AP.

THE GAMBOLS

by Barry Appleby



COOK BETTER MEALS





Woman faces committal proceedings ALLEGEDLY THREW ACID FOR REVENGE

A 22-year-old woman accused of wounding and throwing corrosive acid, allegedly said she did so for revenge, Mr. K. A. S. Phillips was told this morning at Causeway Bay Court.

'Officials should go back to school'

Government officials who cannot spell properly should be sent back to school, it was stated at the Victoria District Court today.

Robert Arthur James Saunders of Paterson Building, Paterson-street, admitted to owing a total of \$2,580 to the Revenue Department but objected to paying costs involved in the case.

Mr. Cheung Koon-hing asked on behalf of the Commissioner of Inland Revenue for \$80 costs, including the cost of advertising in the South China Morning Post.

FICTITIOUS

Saunders said that the summonses served on him had been sent to three fictitious addresses which had all been mis-spelled. "If they can't write properly they can't be expected to be paid to sort themselves out," he said. "They should be sent back to school."

Judge R. H. Mills-Owens adjourned the case until January 20 when it will be decided whether Saunders should pay costs and whether he should be allowed to pay back the money owing by instalments.

Replies to correspondents: On Looker: You have already signed off.—Ed.

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Demoted worker assaulted supervisor

A 24-year-old weaving worker who assaulted his supervisor for transferring him to a less important position, was fined \$100 or 30 days by Mr. J. M. S. Donnell at North Kowloon Court this morning.

The defendant, Tsang Him, of 45 Sun Village, Tsau Wan, admitted to assaulting Chiang Yuen-ho, on December 18 last year. Sub-inspector G. M. Dorman told the court that the defendant works at Yuen Fung Textile Factory.

At about 9 pm on December 18 last year Tsang, together with an unknown Chinese man still at large, assaulted Chiang at Texaco-road near Island Textile Factory, Tsau Wan.

Chiang made a report to the police.

Enquiries revealed that at an earlier stage, he had given Tsang a less important job to do. After a dispute, the defendant assaulted the complainant on the same day.

The defendant had two previous convictions, one for disorderly conduct and one for common assault.

CHARGED WITH SLAUGHTERING DOGS FOR FOOD

A restaurant cashier, Cheung Ming-chow, 31, appeared before Mr. A. L. Leathlean at Tai Po Court this morning charged with cruelty to animals and slaughtering dogs for food.

It was alleged that he, the owner, caused unnecessary suffering to his two cats by keeping them in small metal cases in a cockloft at 605 Fourth-st, Shatin, yesterday.

On the day before he was alleged to have slaughtered a dog for food at the same address.

Cheung pleaded not guilty to both charges. He was represented by C. P. Lal, of Peter Mo and Company. Further hearing was adjourned to the morning of Jan 26 at Pingshan Court.

Defendant was remanded on bail of \$500.

News from the Gazette

The following have been appointed members of the Midwives Board of Hongkong for three years: Professor Daphne Chun, Miss Lucy Yip, Miss Chan Wing-har, Miss Leung Lai Man-fong, Miss Beattie Thom, Miss Kitty Lam and Miss Agnes Cheung.

Mr. J. Bodilly has been appointed legal adviser to the Midwives Board and Mr. G. A. Fairley secretary.

AMBASSADOR LEAVES FOR BANGKOK

Mr. Torben Busck-Nielsen, Danish Ambassador, to Japan, left by Thai Airways this morning for Bangkok to continue his holiday.

The Ambassador who is travelling with his wife, was in Hongkong for the last two days on private business.

Mr. Busck-Nielsen will be returning to his post in Tokyo shortly, passing through Hongkong again about January 23.

He was seen off by Mr. A. J. Frederiksen, Consul for Denmark in Hongkong.

Razor found

He also said he picked up a razor blade from the floor of the room.

Ho Tim, a hotel floor boy, testified that the complainant registered in the hotel late in the night of December 10 before bringing the accused into the room.

Ho said that they had no visitors during the night and that there were no sounds of quarrelling. He added that early in the morning of December 11 he heard the sound of glass breaking and later the accused ran bare-footed out of the room.

Ambush caught 47 with visas for Hongkong

A police ambush along the coastline of Stanley in the early hours of December 11 resulted in 46 women and a man arrested for illegal entry into Hongkong.

Mr. T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay sentenced the women and the man to two days jail this morning when they pleaded guilty.

The oldest of the women was 50, the youngest 20. The man's age was 63 and the six children found with them ranged from four to six.

PEOPLE'S CHINA
Inspector Y. C. Lam said the people were arrested by a police party at Chung On Kok, Stanley as a result of an ambush.

Among their possessions were visas issued by the People's Government of China which allowed them entry to Macao and Hongkong.

Those arrested said they came to Hongkong from Macao via a junk.

Queen's-road houses may be replaced

Two four-storey houses on Queen's-road West will be replaced by a modern structure costing \$100,000. If an exemption application brought before the Tenancy Tribunal this morning, is recommended and accepted.

Mr. A. H. Basto, architect, laid plans concerning the demolition of Nos 395-397, Queen's-road West, before Mr. B. V. Rhodes, Tribunal President, and members, Mr. Louis Colman and Mr. Lau Man-tiem.

Mr. A. Y. Hon, appearing on behalf of the applicant, Mrs. Lo Pik-wan, said that the 50-year-old houses were lacking in light, ventilation and sanitation.

A decision is expected later today.

ID Cards

All people living in Hongkong, Kowloon and Tsau Wan who hold identity cards bearing registration numbers in the series 135,001 to 135,000 are now required to re-register for the issue of new-type identity cards, according to an order published in today's Government Gazette.

800 people to make way for new road

Government served notice today for the second time on 800 squatters in Tsau Wan that they have to give up their temporary homes to make way for the new Castle Peak-road.

The land consists of a number of small privately-owned agricultural and building lots in Muk Min Ha village, Tsau Wan.

The resumption of the land which reverts to Government in three months' time and removal of the squatter huts will enable Government to complete the new dual carriageway through the centre of Tsau Wan.

Bottleneck
About 50 temporary structures housing about 800 people are affected.

The stretch of Castle Peak-road from the Tsau Wan Police Station to the neighbourhood of Chung On-street is the only section of the new dual carriageway between Chai Wan Kok and Kwai Chung on which construction work has not yet started. Its completion will remove a dangerous traffic bottleneck in Castle Peak-road and also pave the way for permanent development on the north side of the road in place of the existing temporary structures.

Petition
The occupants of these structures were warned last summer that resumption would take place at the beginning of this year.

Last month, in response to a petition from the people affected, Government decided to postpone the clearance for another three months.

All persons eligible for resettlement have already been screened by the Resettlement Department and they will be offered accommodation in the Tai Wo Hau resettlement estate.

The first blocks of this new estate of 10 blocks, which will eventually house about 40,000 people, are now nearing completion and will be ready before the land now to be resumed reverts to the Crown in three months' time.

MANAGER ACQUITTED OF THEFT CHARGE

A 42-year-old textile company manager was acquitted by Mr. I. T. Morris at Causeway Bay Court this morning on a charge of theft of letters and documents.

Mr. Morris said in his ruling that after careful examination of the notes with regard to the submissions of the prosecution and counsel for the defence, "I have come to the conclusion that there is little to support the charge of theft."

The defendant, Chen Liang-chun, of 3A Paterson Building, Paterson-street, was accused of stealing certain letters and documents on or about August 1 last year from the Martin Ross Company at the Chartered Bank Building, of which he was a former employee.

He pleaded not guilty.

NO CASE
At the outset of this morning's session, Mr. Leo D'Almada, QC, submitted his client had no case to answer because the prosecution had not proved his client was directly responsible for the loss of the documents.

The filing system of the Martin Ross Company, Mr. D'Almada said, was such that "there was opportunity for other persons to get the letters."

Mr. D'Almada further said that there was no evidence as to when defendant came into recent possession of the allegedly stolen letters—from the time he left his employment with the company in question to the time he was arrested on return from the United States.

"I am not saying recent possession may not be evidence," Mr. D'Almada said.

But in this case, he continued, defendant was found in possession of the letters three and a half months after he had terminated his employment with the Martin Ross Company.

"There was no evidence when defendant got these letters," Mr. D'Almada said. "They are a bundle of documents easily transferable between the period of loss and recovery."

A second charge against defendant alleged that on or about August 8 last year, at the Windsor Cafe, North Point, defendant corruptly offered an agent of Martin Ross Company \$300 per month as an inducement or reward to supply him with a copy of all letters sent out from the office of the company.

Chen also pleaded not guilty to this charge.

A prosecution witness, Mrs. Yau, testified that on the evening of August 4 last year she met defendant and defendant's wife at the Windsor Cafe on appointment. It was also the day defendant left the Martin Ross Company, she said.

\$300 OFFER
In the cafe, she said, defendant asked her to get all copies of out-going letters of the Martin Ross Company for him.

"He offered to pay me \$300 a month," she said. "I did not want to do it, so I tried to get out of it in a friendly way."

She said she told defendant she would consult a fortune teller before she made up her mind.

Government Appointments gazetted

The following appointments, transfers, promotions and postings were notified in today's Government Gazette:

Mr. R. H. Mills-Owens, District Judge, ceased to act as Police Judge; Mr. T. Creeden, Senior Magistrate, ceased to act as District Judge.

Mr. P. F. Leeds to be Quartering Officer, Colonial Secretariat; Mr. Hui Po-lam to act as Assistant Secretary for Chinese Affairs and Deputy Registrar of Newspapers during the absence of Mr. Au Wai-sun.

Mr. H. N. McNeill to be Education Officer.

Mr. Wong Ting-tai to act as Chief Architect PWD; Mr. D. W. McDonald to act as Assistant Chief Architect; Mr. W. E. Lewis, Assistant Chief Architect, ceased to act as Chief Architect; Mr. W. K. Kirkwood and Mr. Harold Campbell to be Engineers; Mr. A. F. Page to be Quantity Surveyor.

Dr. Lau Man-pang, Dr. Clarence Loong Kai-cheung and Dr. Johnny Lau Yiu-wing to be Medical and Health Officers; Mrs. Ting Cheng Sui-chan to act as Principal Almoner during the absence of Miss M. E. M. Benham.

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It is not often that a man of a Volunteer unit gains meritorious mention over men of the regular services but that credit must be conceded to Lt. V.C. Branson, MC, of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps for his examination in anti-gas precautions. He attained a distinction when attending the 41st Regimental Anti-Gas Instruction Course at Winterbourne Gunner, England.

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MR Eric Linklater, whose first volume of short stories, "God Likes Them Plain" is just published, is now on his way to China, reports the Evening Standard of London.

"Don Juan in America," it will be remembered, ends with the heroine leaving for the Far East. It will be difficult for Mr. Linklater to avoid a sequel.

The East is not new to him. He spent some years on the staff of the Times of India, in Bombay.

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What will probably be one of the largest workshops in the Colony when completed is at present being constructed on Kowloon Marine Lot 100 at the junction of Dyer Avenue and Taiwan Road. It is the China Light and Power Company's new Central Workshop and Stores and is adjacent to the Hok On power station. Piling has been completed.

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